

# **Village of Trumansburg Comprehensive Plan**

*Comprehensive Plan*

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*Implementation and Monitoring Plan*

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The 20 Year Vision provides our community with a framework in which we can set our goals for the future of Trumansburg. The 20 Year Vision represents a long-term strategy complemented and based on short-term, 5 year goals.

### TRUMANSBURG TWENTY YEAR VISION

**WORKING TOGETHER, WE ENVISION TRUMANSBURG TWENTY YEARS FROM NOW AS A PLACE WHERE:**

- The community values safety, economic and cultural diversity and local cultural history in concert with an accessible and attractive commercial center that supports the needs of residents and visitors to the Village.
- Housing is offered in a mix of architectural styles and a range of affordable options. The street and sidewalk networks will provide an opportunity for various transportation options within the Village. Neighborhoods will be well connected to the commercial core of the community.
- The downtown core is a thriving mix of businesses which meet the daily needs of residents from the Village and surrounding rural communities. The downtown core remains the hub for economic development, supporting a diverse selection of businesses.
- Green space throughout the Village is preserved and maintained to provide residents with the opportunity to connect with nature. Environmentally sound initiatives are put in place to provide future generations with a healthy, sustainable community.
- Through the cooperative planning efforts of residents and business owners, the Village, is a self-sustaining, creative and friendly community with established zoning regulations that provide sufficient infrastructure and enable small businesses to thrive while embracing the rural character of the Village.

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## INTRODUCTION

### **A Note about the Comprehensive Plan**

The process of developing a comprehensive plan starts with a careful analysis of existing conditions and trends regarding the physical, environmental, social, and economic aspects of the Village. This Comprehensive Plan is broken down into six major sections: Community, Housing, Economic Development, Environment, Recreation and Land Use. The Comprehensive Plan Committee, based on the results of the 2006 resident survey, selected these sections and the major issues addressed under each section.

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### **TRUMANSBURG PLANNING – PAST AND PRESENT**

Two Comprehensive Plans for the Village were written in the past but ultimately not adopted. In January 1977, the first General Plan for the Village was prepared by the Planning Board in collaboration with graduate planning students from Cornell University. In 1992 the Planning Board completed a second plan with assistance from a private consultant. Work on this plan began in 1986, and included an assessment of land use, population trends, traffic, natural features and utilities.

More recently, planning has focused on Main Street. The Village adopted planning and design guidelines for the Main Street sidewalks outlined in its Main Street Design Guide (1995). A team that included a professional landscape architect, planner, and preservation architect completed this document, funded by the Village and the NYS Council of the Arts. The Village also submitted several grant applications for a Main Street Corridor Enhancement Project, and was ultimately awarded funding. Construction has begun, which, when completed, will dramatically improve the visual appeal and pedestrian accessibility of Main Street.

Several surveys have been conducted in Trumansburg over the years in support of the various planning projects. These surveys include a shopper survey and a merchant survey conducted in 1992, and business interviews, a youth survey, and a Main Street survey conducted in 2002. A survey of Village residents was conducted in 2006 to kick-off the Comprehensive Plan process.

Several public workshops were held in January 2007 and July 2007. The first series of work-

shops in January 2007 were well attended and served as an opportunity for community members to brainstorm elements of 20-year vision statements for key subject areas. The second series of workshops were held in July 2007. Due to competing uses of time such as summer vacations these workshop were not well attended. The Comprehensive Plan Committee decided to send out a mailing that included the draft of the Vision Statements and Strategies to community members. Thirty-two responses were received and comments were included in the Comprehensive Plan.

Two overarching themes were voiced through the public comments: a desire to work collaboratively with various community organizations and institutions and the formation of a community development organization that would serve as an umbrella organization for the Village. Cultivation of relationships with Cornell University, Ithaca College and Cooperative Extension to create programs that serve the needs of Trumansburg will be beneficial to all. In addition, the formation of a community development organization that would work in concert with the Village Board to implement the strategies laid out in the Comprehensive Plan will provide the necessary cohesion. The combination of the two efforts will provide the Village with a significant pool of resources.

## **DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE**

*Note: The most recent demographic data available is from the U.S. Decennial Census 2000. It is conducted every ten years, most recently in April 2000. During each decennial census, the Census Bureau collects data from every household in the U.S. and its territories.*

Population trends set the stage for many aspects of the Village. Like many small rural villages, Trumansburg's population has gradually declined over the past 20 years, from a population of 1,722 in 1980 to a population of 1,581 in 2000. During this same time period, the Town of Ulysses has steadily grown, from a population of 4,666 in 1980 to 4,775 in 2000. The U.S. Census Population Estimates Program shows an increase in population for both the Village of Trumansburg, 1,586 individuals in 2006, and the Town of Ulysses, 4,934 individuals in 2006. The 2006 population estimates start with a base population for April 1, 2000 and calculate population for July 1, 2000, July 1, 2001, July 1, 2002, July 1, 2003, July 1, 2004, July 1, 2005 and July 1, 2006 using data for births, deaths, and migration.

As a result, the Village population is gradually becoming a smaller portion of the overall Town population. This trend is highlighted further by a look at historical census data, which indicates that in 1940 the Village made up about 44 percent of the total town population, whereas in 2000 the Village accounted for a third of the town population. This population trend has had visual as well as economic impacts on the Village. Whereas the Village was once the center of housing, commerce, and social activity, these aspects of village life have gradually spread out into the rural areas.

The Village has also experienced a dramatic shift in the age of its residents. In 1980, the population under the age of 5 was 123. In 2000, there were only 73 people under the age of 5 – a decline of 40 percent. The school age population (age 6 to 19) also declined during this time period by 14% although the middle school (age 10 to 14) and high school (age 15 to 19) actually increased between 1990 and 2000 (11 percent and 47 percent respectively). As is the general trend in the United States, the population age 45 to 59 increased between 1980 and 1990, from 255 to 392. The largest percent increase in population during this time period, however, occurred in the senior population (age 75 and over), which doubled from 71 people to 140 during the twenty-year period.

Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000 U.S. Census

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population	1,581	100	<b>Households by Type</b>		
<b>Gender and Age</b>			Total households	682	100
Male	715	45.2	Family households (families)	424	62.2
Female	866	54.8	With own children under 18 years	229	33.6
Under 5 years	73	4.6	Married-couple family	331	48.5
5 to 9 years	100	6.3	With own children under 18 years	159	23.3
10 to 14 years	154	9.7	Female householder, no husband present	70	10.3
15 to 19 years	129	8.2	With own children under 18 years	55	8.1
20 to 24 years	62	3.9	Nonfamily households	258	37.8
25 to 44 years	364	23	Householder living alone	225	33
45 to 59 years	392	24.8	Householder 65 years and over	104	15.2
60 to 74 years	167	10.6	Households with individuals under 18 years	244	35.8
75 years and over	140	8.9	Households with individuals 65 years and over	191	28
<b>Median age (years)</b>	41.9	(X)	Average household size	2.32	(X)
18 years and over	1,156	73.1	Average family size	2.97	(X)
21 years and over	1,115	70.5	<b>Housing Occupancy</b>		
65 years and over	247	15.6	Total housing units	715	100
<b>Relationship</b>			Occupied housing units	682	95.4
In households	1,581	100	Vacant housing units	33	4.6
Householder	682	43.1	For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	3	0.4
Spouse	331	20.9	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	0.7	(X)
Child	469	29.7	Rental vacancy rate (percent)	6.4	(X)
Own child under 18 years	400	25.3	<b>Housing Tenure</b>		
Other relatives	37	2.3	Occupied housing units	682	100
Under 18 years	15	0.9	Owner-occupied housing units	417	61.1
Nonrelatives	62	3.9	Renter-occupied housing units	265	38.9
Unmarried partner	36	2.3	Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.65	(X)
			Average household size of renter-occupied unit	1.79	(X)

## VILLAGE ELEMENTS

## COMMUNITY

### AESTHETICS AND STREETSCAPES

#### **Downtown**

Although the Village core has charming characteristics, its aesthetics have deteriorated over time. Downtown has lost buildings, a Village green, a war memorial, and the smaller physical scale of roadways that once gave it an intimate charm and identity. This pattern of eroding and fragmenting public space and pedestrian scale has been exacerbated in the larger downtown area by years of neglect and deterioration. Today Main Street is generally considered visually and aesthetically degraded. The Main Street Project (currently underway) aims to both recapture and recast its identity. The Project will make Main Street attractive to passers-through as well as pedestrian friendly to those who stop, live, shop, or visit here. (Main Street Grant Proposal).

The Village downtown has three distinct sections, as identified in the Main Street Design Guide:

- 1) Lower Village from Route 227 to Main Street Gateway – This section of downtown provides a green entrance to the commercial district.
- 2) Lower Village from Washington Street to Union Street Hub – This area is characterized by historic buildings and provides a compact, pedestrian scale shopping and restaurant district.
- 3) Upper Village - Historic churches and civic buildings dominate this section of town. Unlike the Lower Village, shade trees and front lawns are present.

#### **Eastern Gateway**

Smith Woods on the north side of the street and the Fairground on the south side create a green entrance into the Village and mark the transition from the rural farmland to the commercial core of the Village.

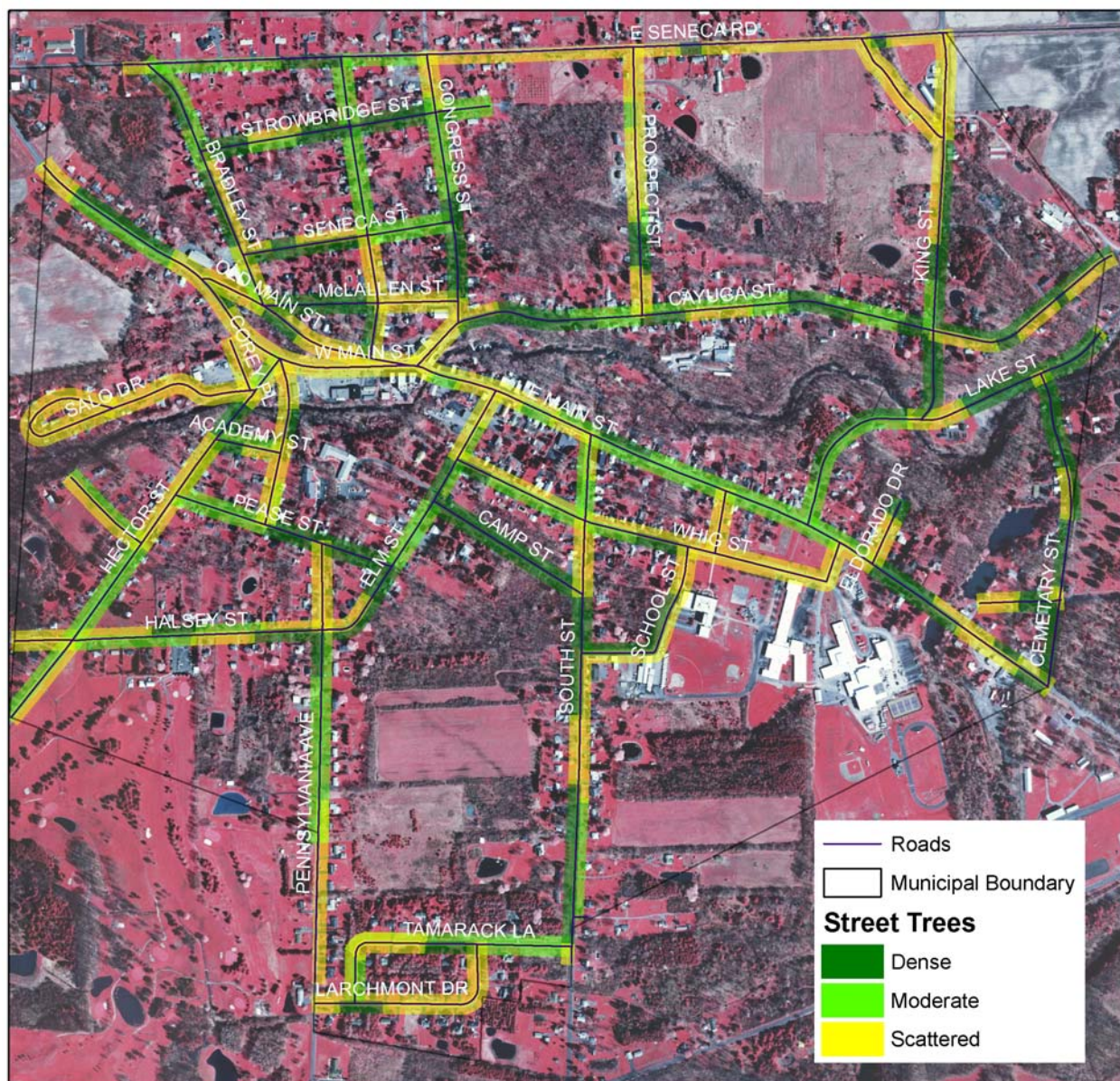
#### **Residential Neighborhoods**

Residential neighborhoods throughout the Village have various features and amenities that make them aesthetically pleasing places to live. Some of the common features that many of the neighborhoods share include:

- Historic homes
- Variety of housing styles i.e., not “cookie cutter homes”.
- Tree lined streets: Although many residential streets in Trumansburg are tree-lined, some streets have only scattered street trees or no trees at all (see map 1). In all, about 55% of the street edge in the Village has moderate or dense tree coverage. The remaining area includes the downtown, open farmland in the northeastern portion of the town, and some residential streets.



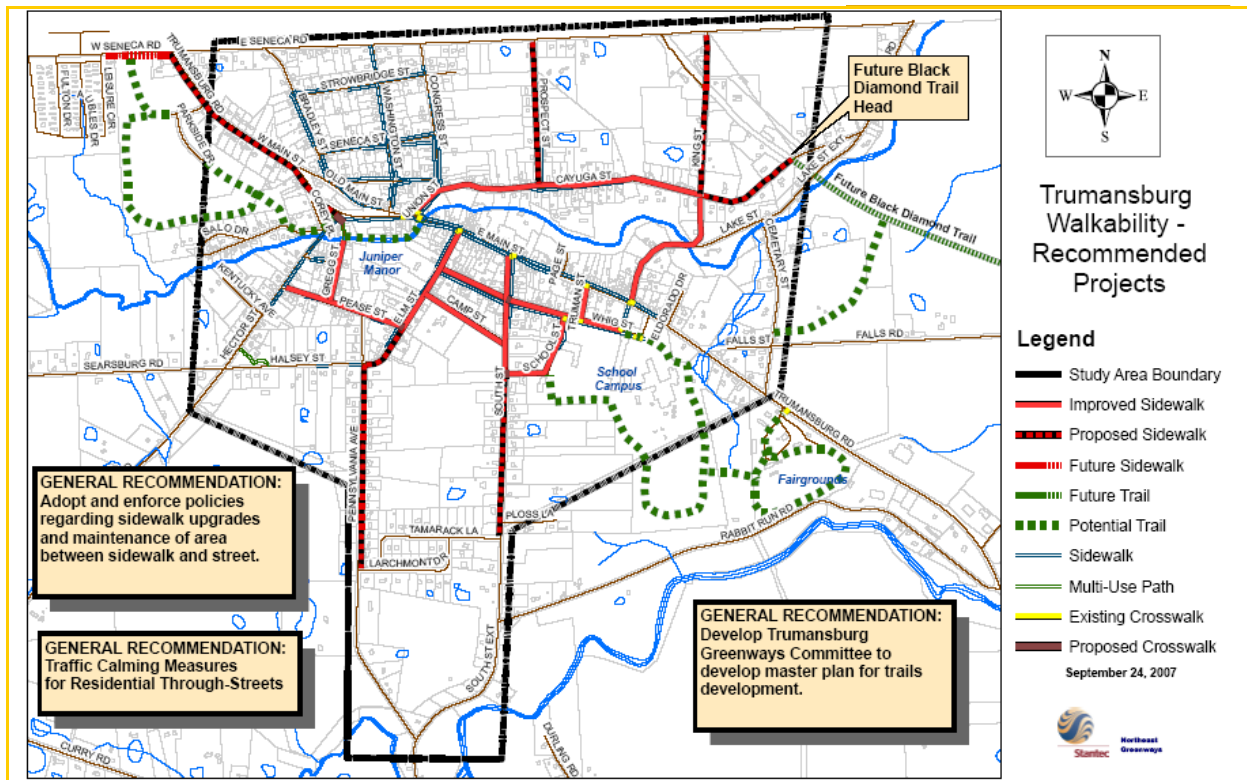
**Map 1. Tree Lined Streets in the Village of Trumansburg, 2002**



### **WALKABILITY**

Trumansburg had a well developed network of slate sidewalks in the late 19th and early 20th century that has deteriorated in quality and function during the past 50 years. The sidewalks consist of locally quarried 5' wide flagstone slabs separated from the road by an 8 – 10' grass tree lawn with street trees. In years past, the walks were continuous, crossing driveways and traversing from property to property. Over time the integrity and continuity of the walks have been compromised through differential settlement, cracking and flaking, removal at driveway crossings and vegetation encroachment. While some residents are comfortable walking on the smooth road pavement, many would prefer not having to walk on Village streets with children in strollers or on scooters (Tompkins County Walkability Assessment Methodology and Case Studies, 2007).

**Map 2. Trumansburg Walkability - Recommended Projects**



The Walkability Study has been completed for the Village of Trumansburg. Six prioritized project goals were established. They are as follows:

1. Build on current pedestrian initiatives and plans by municipalities.
2. Provide safer, more accessible school routes for children.
3. Provide safer, more accessible crossings at intersections.
4. Provide safer, more accessible walking routes to desired destinations.
5. Provide recreational walking loops through the community.
6. Reduce conflict between vehicular traffic and pedestrians.

Specific results and recommendations from the Walkability Study are incorporated in the Implementation Plan.

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION

### Overview

Buildings from the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century are an important component to the Trumansburg visual character. These buildings reflect a wide range of architectural styles, including late 19<sup>th</sup> century brick commercial buildings with cast iron details, and gothic revival, Greek revival, and Queen Ann period homes. This variety of building styles marks the rich history of growth and development in Trumansburg.

## **Downtown**

The original wood-framed buildings of downtown Trumansburg were destroyed in two major fires, one in 1864 and a second in 1871. The 1871 fire destroyed eleven buildings on the south side of the street between Trumansburg Creek and Hector Street, and five buildings on the north side between Union and Washington streets (A History of Trumansburg, New York, 1792-1967). Brick and cast iron were used in the reconstruction. Many of these brick buildings remain and help define the character of downtown. “Two and three story brick buildings dominate the built landscape, complete with cast iron details, intricate cornice work, high ceilings, and large display windows. The majority of these buildings have been preserved, but several have been tampered with, creating a visual gap along Main Street.” (Trumansburg 1978: Revitalization Guidelines).

The Greek Revival Conservatory of Fine Arts building, once the Baptist Church, is a defining architectural feature of downtown and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Rongovian Embassy, another important music highlight in Trumansburg, also occupies a historic building downtown. Built after the 1871 fire, this building was used as a blacksmith shop, butcher shop and five-and-dime until 1973 when the Rongovian Embassy opened its doors in 1973 as a bar, restaurant, and music venue. Nearby, a historic brick building, currently occupied by the Little Venice Restaurante, also played an important role in the music history of Trumansburg. From 1963 to 1971 this building housed the R.A. Moog Company Factory, where the first musical electric synthesizer was produced.

Historic churches and civic buildings, including the Masonic Temple and the First Presbyterian Church of Ulysses, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, characterize the Upper Village, which is located further east along Main Street.

## **North of Downtown**

Northwest of downtown, heading up old Main Street, stands the residential neighborhood historically known as McLallen Hill. McLallen farm once occupied this hill, along with some of the earliest and most distinguished houses, including the William Austin House, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Heading away from town on Congress or Washington Street, the style of housing gets progressively later, reflecting the gradual progression of development away from downtown. The result is a rich collection of mid-nineteenth to early twentieth-century architecture.

## **South of Downtown**

The architectural and cultural highlights of the neighborhood south of downtown are the Camp House, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, and Biggs House on Elm Street. Several Gothic Revival cottages near the Camp House are also noteworthy and have retained their original detailing.



## **East of Downtown**

Historic buildings from the 19th century dominate the residential corridor east of downtown, from Cemetery Street to South Street. A wide variety of 19<sup>th</sup> century architectural styles are found here “from the restrained Greek Revival structures and the Gothic cottages to the houses with fanciful Queen Ann porches.” (An Architectural Sampler from the Village of Trumansburg, Trumansburg Bicentennial 1792-1992).

### **Community**

#### ***20-Year Vision:***

In 2028, Trumansburg is a community that values safety, economic and cultural diversity, and local cultural history – residents actively plan to protect the Village’s rural and friendly nature. Visitors feel a sense of community pride because of the welcoming entrances, and the well-maintained walkways and tree-lined streets. As a quiet, rural upstate New York village, with an accessible and attractive commercial center, Trumansburg is a place where people of all ages can freely engage in community life.

Site plan review will exist for all new commercial construction, building renovations and commercial signage in order to maintain the downtown’s integrity. The school system is a strong Village asset providing a positive educational experience and a community connection for families. The schools also provide educational opportunities that prepare graduates for the modern workplace, further education and an active life within the local community.

Working towards this vision, our **community goals** are to:

1. Maintain a safe community that is welcoming to people of all cultures, ages and walks of life.
2. Maintain a quiet, rural village with an accessible, attractive and historic downtown.
3. Establish welcoming entrances and continue to encourage well-maintained walkways and tree-lined streets throughout the Village.
4. Maintain and promote the cultural history of the Village through a variety of partnerships.
5. Provide excellent education opportunities through the Trumansburg School District that prepare students for jobs, higher education and community engagement.

## HOUSING

### GENERAL HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

In 1999, there were 715 dwelling units in the Village, 95.4 percent of which were occupied. Of these, 417 or about 61 percent, were owner-occupied. This is higher than the Tompkins County average of 54 percent owner occupied units and about the same as the national average of 66 percent. Rental units numbered 265 or 38.9 percent of the occupied housing units. The median rent increased 14.2 percent from \$410 in 1989 to \$458 in 1999. The rental vacancy rate of 6.4 percent was slightly higher than the county rate of 4.6 percent. As a general rule, a vacancy rate of about 5 percent or more suggests there are ample rental units to meet housing needs and keep rental costs at a healthy, competitive level. A number of these rental units are located on the upper floors in buildings along Main Street. While these apartments offer good access to services and are critical to maintaining a mixture of uses in the downtown area, some units are less attractive to rent because they are above, or next to, bars that are loud at night. In addition, several units are in need of maintenance and restoration work.

**Table 1. Housing Data, Village of Trumansburg, 2000**

<i>Total Number of Occupied Housing Units</i>		683
Owner Occupied	(61.2%)	417
Renter Occupied	(38.8%)	265
Rental Vacancy Rate		6.4%
<i>Total Number of Housing Units</i>		705
Units in Structure	Number of Units	
1 unit	(64.3%)	453
2 units		72
3- 4 units		71
5-9 units		31
10-19 units		4
20 or more units		61
Mobile Homes		13
Median Housing Value		\$112,200
Median Gross Rent		\$458

Source: U.S. Census 2000.

**Table 2. Units on Parcel, Village of Trumansburg, 2006**

Units on Parcel	Number of Units	Number of Structures
1 unit	466	466
2 units	98	49
3-4 units	93	31
5-9 units	28	4
10-19 units	0	0
20 or more units	24	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>551</b>

Source: Tompkins County Solid Waste Permits.

**Table 3. Gross Rent, Village of Trumansburg, 2000**

<b>Specified renter-occupied units: GROSS RENT</b>	Number	Percentage
Less than \$200	24	9%
\$200 to \$299	39	15%
\$300 to \$499	83	32%
\$500 to \$749	78	30%
\$750 to \$999	27	10%
\$1,000 to \$1,499	6	2%
\$1,500 or more	0	0%
No cash rent	4	2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>261</b>	

Source: U.S. Census 2000.

### EXISTING HOUSING STOCK

Similar to most rural communities in New York State, Trumansburg has a high percentage of older homes. As housing units in the Village continue to age, they require greater maintenance and upkeep than newer homes. Approximately 59 percent of all residential housing in Trumansburg was built before 1940 (416 homes) and 23 percent was built between 1940 and 1979 (167 homes). The remaining 18% of homes were built since 1980.

As the housing stock ages, upkeep and maintenance becomes more difficult. House maintenance repairs such as flooring insulation, windows and roofs are costly and labor intensive. Ensuring that the aging housing stock is maintained and reducing barriers to rehabilitation can revitalize neighborhoods and strengthen community character. There are a variety of programs

offered by Tompkins Community Action for low-income and elderly residents to complete needed repairs. Federal funds are also available to local governments to assist with needed repairs. Better Housing for Tompkins County has worked with a number of local municipalities to secure federal funding and implement repair programs.

### **HOUSING GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY**

The Village experienced strong housing growth during the 1970s when total housing units increased by more than 35 percent. The 1980s was marked by a reduction of 10 housing units. The 1990s saw moderate growth of 6.1 percent, or 41 units. Building permits issued in the Village from 2000 to 2004 shows an increase in housing growth of 5.4 percent. Fourteen single-family homes, four two-family homes, and 20 multi-family units were developed in that time period.

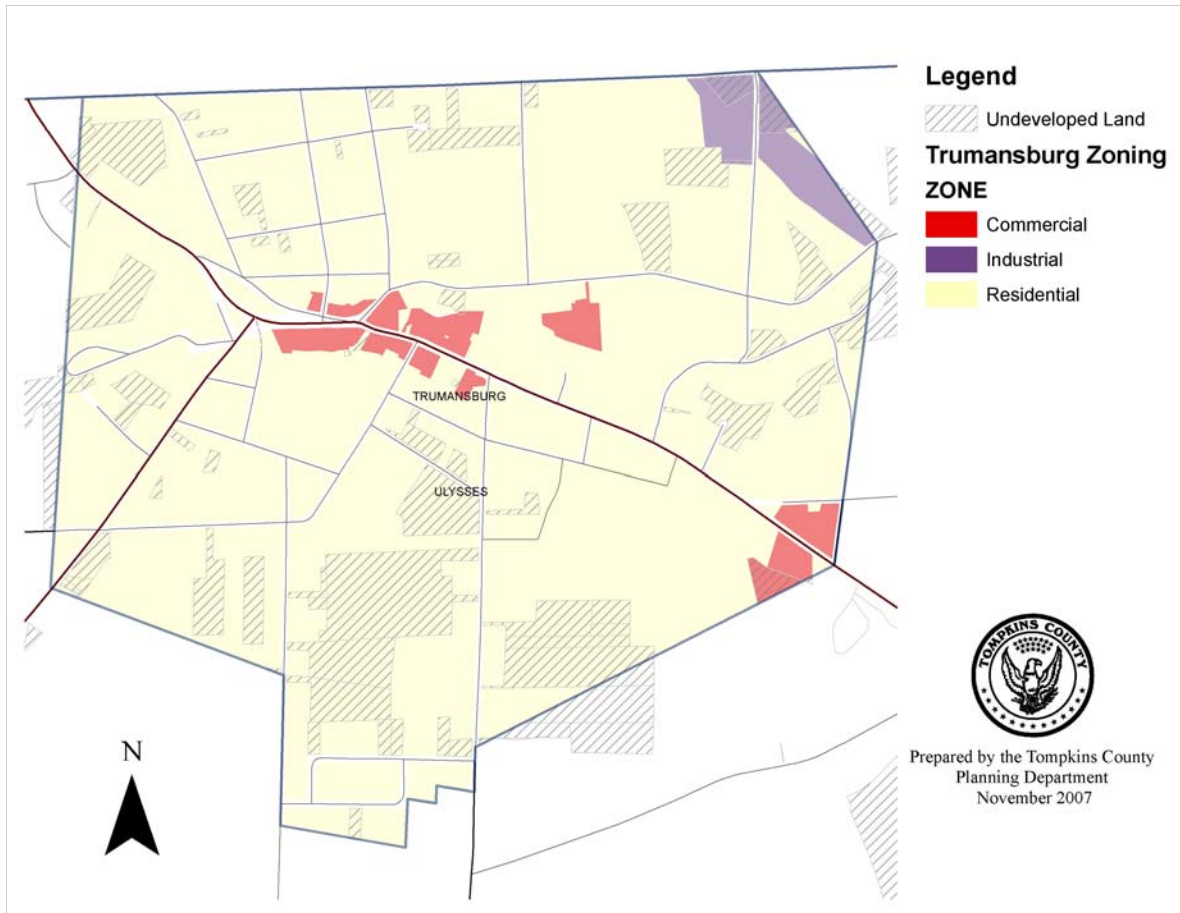
The Village's sewer and water infrastructure can accommodate substantial new housing growth within the Village. The water treatment plant has the capacity to deliver 1 million gallons per day, with the current demand at only .25 million gallons per day. The sewage treatment plant has the capacity to treat up to .72 million gallons per day, with the current demand at only .25 million gallons per day. Sewage treatment capacity is limited in some portions of the Village because of pumping capacity, which could be addressed by upgrading the pumping system.

**Table 4. Year Structure was Built**

<i>Year Structure Built</i>	<i>Number of Structures</i>
1990 to 2000	53
1980 to 1989	69
1970 to 1979	39
1960 to 1969	34
1950 to 1959	47
1940 to 1949	47
1939 to earlier	416

Source: U.S. Census 2000.

**Map 3. Undeveloped Land in Trumansburg, 2007**



### **HOUSING AFFORDABILITY**

Housing is becoming more expensive in the Village, reflecting the growing issue of housing affordability in Tompkins County. The median sales price of single-family homes sold in the Village between 1995 and 1997 was \$93,500. The median sales price of homes sold between 2003 and 2005 was \$151,000, an increase of 61.5 percent. Median sales prices rose 62.2 percent over the same time period in the County as a whole.

The generally accepted definition of “affordable” is that a household should pay no more than 30 percent of its annual income on housing. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 25 percent of homeowners and 37 percent of renters in Trumansburg have affordability problems. Families at the lowest end of the income spectrum had the greatest difficulty affording housing. Approximately 61 percent of families earning between 30 percent and 50 percent of the Village Median family income (154 families) spent more than one third of their income on housing. When households spend more than they can afford on housing they may not have enough left over for other necessities such as food, clothing, and transportation.



The Tompkins County Affordable Housing Needs Assessment, sponsored by the Tompkins County Planning Department, identifies a current lack of affordable housing across Tompkins County, including Trumansburg, and forecasts that the need for such housing will increase over the next decade. Housing unit demand for the County is forecast to increase at a rate of approximately 300 units per year. Communities, such as the Village of Trumansburg are capable of supporting additional housing because of their water and sewer infrastructure, downtown business core and established road system. Given recent trends in the housing market and increasing construction costs, the market will not be able to provide units that are affordable to households without assistance from local and County government, community organizations and local institutions.

### **HOUSING FOR SENIORS**

In the coming decade, the United States will embark upon significant demographic changes, as the Baby Boom generation becomes the Elder Boom generation. This population will place demands on government, service systems, and the community-at-large in a multitude of ways. Tompkins County is no exception to these trends.

In 1999, about one-tenth (9,257) of county residents were over age 65, an increase of 10 percent in the last decade. The County is expected to add a total of 5,600 net new residents over the next 10 years at an average annual population growth rate of 0.6%. According to these projections, the age group making the largest contribution to the county's overall population growth is the 45-64 years age category. The second greatest increase is in the 65 and older age group. Not surprisingly, these household projections follow the same age profile as the overall population projections with the older age categories providing the greatest household growth.

As people age, their incomes tend to decline. Low and low-moderate income seniors will need affordable housing options. Most seniors want to stay in their homes, or "age in place," as long as they can. Coordinated services such as Meals on Wheels, grocery delivery, snow removal and home repairs will allow seniors to stay in their homes longer. Many seniors may also wish to move into smaller homes to reduce costs and regular upkeep.

As the oldest group ages, its members are showing a strong preference for receiving personal care services in a residential environment rather than a health care setting. Assisted living is the fastest growing and fastest changing sector of senior housing. Private-pay assisted living units have been added to the market, but there is a lack of subsidized units for seniors needing high levels of personal care. Affordability of assisted living facilities and services is a major issue for many seniors. Currently, all of the facilities in Tompkins County that provide high levels of care are high-end options.

## **Housing**

### ***20-Year Vision***

In 2028, housing in Trumansburg includes a variety of architectural styles and a range of affordable options. An integrated network of streets and sidewalks safely connect the commercial core with adjacent residential neighborhoods. Safe and accessible downtown housing, available on the upper floors of street-level retail and service businesses, encourages a vibrant, active community experience.

The neighborhoods are enhanced through a shared understanding of features and practices that give Trumansburg its special character. New house construction is integrated into older residential neighborhoods. Zoning ordinance assures that new house construction provides off-street parking with safe sidewalks and streets that ensure safe vehicular traffic. Multi-unit senior housing is located close to downtown amenities and provides an affordable option for retirees. A variety of housing densities and types offer diverse housing options while allowing for efficient installation of infrastructure and roads.

Working towards this vision, our **housing goals** are to:

1. Maintain a variety of architectural styles, housing densities and housing options that meet the needs of a variety of socio-economic situations.
2. Establish streets and sidewalks that provide a safe connection between downtown and adjacent residential neighborhoods.
3. Promote new housing construction that is in harmony with existing neighborhoods, provides off-street parking and sidewalks and allows for efficient installation of infrastructure, roads and green space.
4. Encourage safe and accessible housing on the upper floors of downtown commercial buildings.
5. Establish additional affordable housing for seniors in close proximity to downtown amenities.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### BASIC ECONOMIC DATA

*Note: The most recent detailed economic information available on the Village of Trumansburg was collected as part of the 2000 Census of U.S. Population. Some of the key statistics are summarized in Table 5. Table 5 also provides economic statistics for Tompkins County as a whole, Seneca County, the Town of Ulysses, and the Village of Dryden in order to allow for comparisons. Some of the highlights from the Table 5 are discussed below.*

**Table 5. Overall Economic Data**

Income	Village of Trumansburg	Tompkins Co	Seneca Co	Town of Ulysses	Village of Dryden
Median Household Income	\$39,423	\$37,272	\$37,140	\$45,066	\$43,977
Median Family Income	<b>\$58,194</b>	\$53,041	\$45,454	\$54,167	\$54,489
Per Capita Income	<b>\$22,773</b>	\$19,659	\$17,630	\$22,516	\$20,613
<b>Poverty Status</b>					
Individuals (Number)	101				
Individuals (Poverty Rate)	<b>6.5%</b>	17.6%	11.5%	7.0%	9.9%
<b>Employment Status</b>					
Population 16+	1,190				
In Labor Force	815				
Labor Force Participation Rate	68.5%	63.6%	60.2%	68.6%	71.7%
Employed	798				
Unemployed	17				
Unemployment Rate	2.1%	5.8%	6.0%	4.8%	1.7%
<b>Industry</b>					
Educational/Health/Social	365	<b>Class of Worker</b>			
Retail Trade	73		Private Wage and Salary		542
Manufacturing	62		Government		165
Arts/Recreation/Food	56		Self-Employed		88
Professional/Scientific	53		Unpaid Family		3
Other Services	38	<b>Occupation</b>			
Public Administration	35		Management/Professional		385
Information	30		Sales and Office		180
Construction	27		Service		121
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	21		Construction/Maintenance		56
Wholesale Trade	15		Production/Transportation		54
Agriculture/Forestry/Fishing	13		Farming/Fishing/Forestry		2
Transportation/Warehousing	10				

Source: U.S. Census 2000.

Overall, the Village of Trumansburg compares favorably with the other communities:

- Income levels are equal to, if not higher;
- Poverty levels are lower (see table 6 for poverty thresholds);
- Unemployment is generally lower; and
- Workforce participation rates are equivalent.

Employment patterns are not surprising, given the character of the County's economy. The education/health/social services employment sector is by far the strongest sector, accounting for nearly half of all jobs held by Village residents. This is to be expected with three institutions of higher education in the County, employment in the school districts, and the proximity of the Cayuga Medical Center. Remaining employment is scattered among a number of other economic sectors.

**Table 6. U.S. Poverty Thresholds for 2006 by Size of Family and Number of Related Children Under 18 Years**

Size of family unit	Weighted average thresholds	Related children under 18 years								
		None	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight or more
One person (unrelated individual)....	10,294									
Under 65 years.....	10,488	10,488								
65 years and over.....	9,669	9,669								
Two people.....	13,167									
Householder under 65 years.....	13,569	13,500	13,896							
Householder 65 years and over.....	12,201	12,186	13,843							
Three people.....	16,079	15,769	16,227	16,242						
Four people.....	20,614	20,794	21,134	20,444	20,516					
Five people.....	24,382	25,076	25,441	24,662	24,059	23,691				
Six people.....	27,560	28,842	28,957	28,360	27,788	26,938	26,434			
Seven people.....	31,205	33,187	33,394	32,680	32,182	31,254	30,172	28,985		
Eight people.....	34,774	37,117	37,444	36,770	36,180	35,342	34,278	33,171	32,890	
Nine people or more.....	41,499	44,649	44,865	44,269	43,768	42,945	41,813	40,790	40,536	38,975

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

## COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS

Commercial development in the Village is largely found in four areas.

### Main Street

Main Street, between South Street and Hector Street, is a traditional village downtown with a mix of numerous retail, service, government, and community buildings and facilities. It is an active, compact and pedestrian-oriented commercial district. Trumansburg has rightfully focused on improvements to this center of community life.

### Village Entrance

At the eastern entrance to the Village on Route 96 is a cluster of businesses that includes two eating establishments. It is physically separated from the Main Street area and is more oriented to vehicular traffic than pedestrians in this area.

### King Street Industrial Area

Located in the northeastern portion of the Village is a collection of industrial and similar development. Including outdoor storage areas of supplies, this area has a different character than the

Main Street and Village Entrance areas. This area does not attract numerous clients or customers and is, therefore, more self-contained. Further development in this area is possible.

### **Historic Lumber Yard**

Located in the heart of the residential areas in the Village is the MillsPaugh Lumber Yard, which has long been a member of the community. Its location in the center of the Village helps to provide for historic context for development of the Village and the economic and historic development of the Village and surrounding town.

## **HOME-BASED BUSINESS**

Home-based businesses or home occupations are often an unseen part of our economy. Such businesses have been in decline over the past decades, as corporations grow larger to compete on a broadening economic stage. However, with the advent of much improved communication and information technologies, home-based businesses are on the upswing. Whether as part of a larger business venture or as a small entrepreneurial effort, people are, more and more, working from home. One important benefit of home-based businesses is their support of the downtown area. These businesses will need access to supplies and services that are provided in the Main Street area.

Home-based businesses can run the gamut. Some of the more common types are listed below.

- *Administrative Services* – such as, computer data entry, secretarial services, telephone answering services, word processing, paralegal services, and medical secretarial services.
- *Arts* – such as, artist studios, art appraising, graphic arts consulting and designing, clothes designing, medical illustration, photography, and interior designing.
- *Computer Services* – such as, computer consulting, data processing, web site design, Internet service providers, and computer support services.
- *Consulting Services* – in fields such as, education, hotel management, residential counseling, employee relations, travel, and wedding planning.
- *Financial Services* – such as, accounting, auditing, account collection, insurance claims processing, and tax preparation.
- *Instruction* – in areas such as, art, dance, drama, music, cooking, yoga, and tutoring.
- *Light Manufacturing* – such as, baking, candle making, ceramics, gift baskets, and printing.
- *Medical Services* – such as, doctors, nursing services, dieticians, massage therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy.
- *Offsite Construction/Maintenance* – such as, plumbing, electrician, gardening, carpet cleaning, and janitorial services.

- *Personal Services* – such as, barbers, hairstyling, manicurists, childcare, tailoring, and sewing.
- *Professional Offices* – such as, architects, engineers, surveyors, and lawyers.
- *Sales* – such as, antique dealing, computer sales, mail order sales, and real estate sales.
- *Small Repair* – for items such as, furniture, watches, jewelry, and bicycles.
- *Writing Services* – such as, desktop publishing, book editing, newsletter services, and technical writing.
- *Other Services* – such as, marketing and public relations, animal and pet care, translation services, private detectives, and messenger service.

## TOURISM

### **A Regional Approach – Strategic Plan**

The Tompkins County Convention and Visitors Bureau has a long success story in promoting tourism throughout Tompkins County. In 2005, the Tompkins County Strategic Tourism Planning Board completed the *Strategic Tourism Plan* for Tompkins County covering 2005-2010. The contents of that *Strategic Tourism Plan* can be used to fashion an approach to tourism-related activities in the Village of Trumansburg.

One of the overarching strategies of the Strategic Tourism Plan is to focus on expanding week-day, shoulder season, and winter tourism. Current winter tourism promotions in the county include the “Light in Winter Festival” and “Winter is Hot”, which Trumansburg could tie into to promote tourism in the Village.

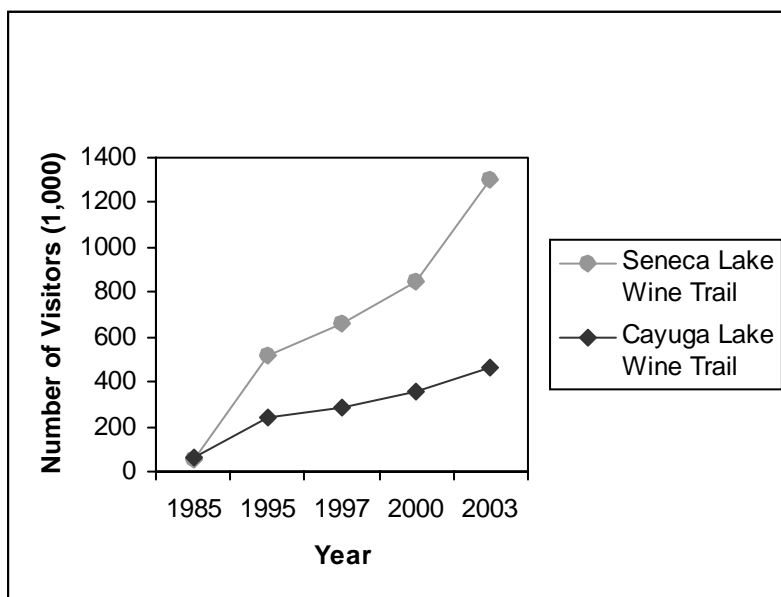
Of the four action steps identified in the Strategic Tourism Plan, the one most directly related to Trumansburg is the step to provide gateways. Specifically identified objectives include:

- Beautify Tompkins County, especially our gateways, downtown, and village centers.
- Actively coordinate with . . . village “main street” development efforts.
- Improve signage countywide, including . . . kiosks located in strategically placed areas such as village centers.

### **Wine Trail**

The New York wine industry has grown exponentially over the past 15 years and sparked significant growth in other sectors of the State’s economy, according to recently released statistics. The Seneca Lake Wine Trail attracted 1,298,000 visitors in 2003 and the Cayuga Wine Trail attracted 460,000 visitors. The number of visitors to the wine trails has steadily increased since 1985 (see table 7). Wine country tourism is particularly important in that it brings visitors to predominantly rural parts of the State, and feeds many other businesses like service stations, lodging facilities, restaurants and gift shops.

**Table 7. Number of Visitors to Seneca and Cayuga Lake Wineries**



Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The Cayuga Wine Trail has 16 winery members surrounding Cayuga Lake and offers a unique blend of fine wines. Located within a 30-minute drive of 12 of these vineyards, Trumansburg is strategically located for winery tourism. The nearby Seneca Lake Wine Trail offers additional winery options for visitors. Eleven of the 30 wineries on the Seneca Lake Wine Trail are within a 30-minute drive of Trumansburg.

### **Local Amenities and Niche Opportunities**

According to the 2005 Tompkins County Travel Guide, there are three Bed and Breakfasts and eight restaurants located in the Village of Trumansburg. In addition, Hazelnut Kitchen, The Poorhouse, The Rongovian Embassy, and Little Venice offer music and entertainment to visitors and residents.

Existing tourism opportunities that could be enhanced in Trumansburg include:

- Antiquing and antique restoration.
- Proximity to the Cayuga Wine Trail, the Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway, Taughannock Falls State Park and the terminus of the Black Diamond Trail.
- Home of the Grassroots Festival of music and dance.
- Music venues and music history.
- Greater Ithaca Art Trail – several artisans live and work in Trumansburg.

### **FARMERS MARKET**

Farmers markets can play an important role in economic development, farm preservation, and community vitality. They provide an opportunity for local farmers, food vendors, and artisans

to sell their goods. They encourage community gathering and socializing, and provide healthy food for residents. Farmers markets can also enhance tourism by providing an enjoyable activity for people visiting the Village, and a way for visitors to buy local products.

The Trumansburg Farmers market operates from mid-June to end of October on Wednesdays, 4-7 p.m. at the Village Park. It is operated by a steering committee with a manager and is sponsored by the Village. Cornell Cooperative Extension Tompkins County (CCETC) started the market and has a role on the steering committee. CCETC also operates a youth-run consignment stand as part of the market, where youth involved with the Ulysses Rural Youth Program sell product from area farms on consignment. The market is in its 4<sup>th</sup> season of operation. There are 45 members - 30 regulars and 12-20 at each market depending on the season. All products must be locally grown or made. Food, crafts, baked goods, processed items and produce are allowed at the market. The market received a grant from NYS Dept of Ag & Markets for improvements in 2005. Improvements implemented under this grant include picnic tables, signage, shed for storage, electric service, and a site design for locating a more permanent structure in the park.

### **Economic Development**

#### ***20-Year Vision***

In 2028, Trumansburg has a thriving downtown with a variety of businesses. Shops and services meet the daily needs of residents from the Village and surrounding locales – Trumansburg is the commercial and social center of adjacent rural communities. By supporting a diversity of businesses, resident and visitor dollars strengthen the Village’s economic stability.

Marketing and public relations strategies are in place to identify and attract traditional and non-traditional economic development clientele. The school system, a primary reason why many people and businesses locate here, provides educational training and employment opportunities to retain youth as employees and entrepreneurs. Numerous home-based micro-enterprises have the capability for continual employment opportunities. Collaborative efforts between the Village and Town of Ulysses have created good jobs in technology and other light industries, as well as agricultural initiatives that support the Trumansburg Farmers Market. Bed and Breakfasts, as the primary lodging option for visitors, preserve older homes that enhance the Village’s historic character. Recognizing that tourism is a top growth industry that will continue to flourish, Trumansburg has found the balance between accommodating increasing numbers of visitors while maintaining a rural, peaceful atmosphere.



Working towards this vision, our **economic development** goals are to:

1. Create a thriving downtown with a multitude of diverse businesses that meet the daily needs of residents from the Village and surrounding areas.
2. Support the establishment of numerous home-based micro-enterprises that provide diverse employment opportunities for Village residents.
3. Maintain and establish commercial buildings that reflect the rural and historic character of the Village.
4. Enhance cultural resources, education opportunities, historic amenities and marketing strategies that attract businesses and their employees.
5. Collaborate with the Town of Ulysses to support local agriculture and promote the Trumansburg Farmers Market.
6. Establish tourist amenities that promote and protect the historic character of Trumansburg.
7. Accommodate an increasing number of visitors while maintaining a rural, peaceful atmosphere.

## ENVIRONMENT

### GREEN SPACE

#### **Land Cover**

There is approximately 83 acres of active and inactive agriculture, 216 acres of forest and brush land, and 16 acres of wetlands and ponds in the Village of Trumansburg (2002 aerial photos).

#### **Open Space Inventory**

There are approximately 47 acres of designated open space in the Village. This includes open area owned by the Village, the school grounds, a portion of the Trumansburg Golf Course, and a portion of both the St. James Catholic Cemetery and the Grove Cemetery (see map 4).

#### **Frontenac Creek Glen Unique Natural Area**

The Frontenac Creek Glen Unique Natural Area (UNA) is considered historically valuable by local residents. In the past, numerous mills were located on the Trumansburg Creek. Remains of some of the mill dams are still visible. There is a concentration of historic structures in the area. This site is also considered culturally valuable by local residents. There is a concentration of cultural resources, such as, schools, libraries, museums and churches, in this area.

This Unique Natural (UNA) is located just north of Main Street, between Union Street and Lake Street. Most of the UNA is privately owned, although the Village owns a  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre parcel in the western portion of the site. The UNA includes a forested glen, waterfalls, and a large section of Trumansburg Creek. The floodplain forest has flooded in the past and is in early successional stage. Erosion from the steep section near the creek has been identified as a major threat in this area. Other issues include flooding and encroachment of landscaped backyards into the natural area.

#### **Other Key Forested Areas**

A grove of trees on private property at the intersection of Camp and South Streets is another attractive natural feature in the Village. This grove has been the focal point of a quiet residential street for many years (1992 Draft Village Plan).

#### **Wetlands**

The National Wetlands Inventory identifies 23 acres of wetlands (including ponds) within the Village. The largest wetlands complex (originally 18 acres according to the National Wetlands Inventory) is located in the north portion of the Village along Prospect Street. Although the road frontage portion of this wetland has been developed, the back portions of the wetland on either side of the road remain relatively intact. The undeveloped portion of the wetland is largely wooded and is part of several large residential parcels. The woods extend beyond the identified wetland boundaries.

## **Stream Corridor**

Trumansburg Creek traverses the Village from west to east on its route to Cayuga Lake. Trumansburg Creek passes behind Main Street businesses in the center of the business district. As it flows between Cayuga Street and Main Street, the creek creates a steep-sided natural feature that is in sharp contrast with the urban development patterns of the Village. Under normal run-off conditions water flow in Trumansburg Creek is not high. However, heavy rainfall in the upstream drainage area of Trumansburg Creek, and its large tributary, Boardman Creek, can produce periods of significant flows through the Village (1992 Draft Village Plan). The creek side area throughout the Village is identified as a 100-year flood plain.

Forested stream buffers maintain a healthy, ecologically sustainable waterway. They provide a variety of benefits:

- *Habitat and Biodiversity.* Stream buffers enhance habitat and biodiversity by providing terrestrial wildlife habitat and travel corridors, and food and habitat in aquatic ecosystems;
- *Stream Stability.* Buffers attenuate flooding, stabilize stream banks and prevent erosion of stream-banks and streambeds;
- *Water Quality.* Buffers protect water quality by removing pollutants and moderating temperatures; and
- *Financial Savings.* Buffers prevent property damage, reduce public investment and enhance property values.

In order to achieve these benefits for new development, a forested stream buffer of at least 100 feet from the stream bank is recommended. Currently, there are several sections along Trumansburg Creek that do not have adequate buffers. Areas of particular concern include west of Union Street, where several buildings and lawn areas are located within the 100-foot buffer, and along the ponds and intermittent creek at the eastern edge of the Village where several residential lawn areas extend right up to the pond edge.

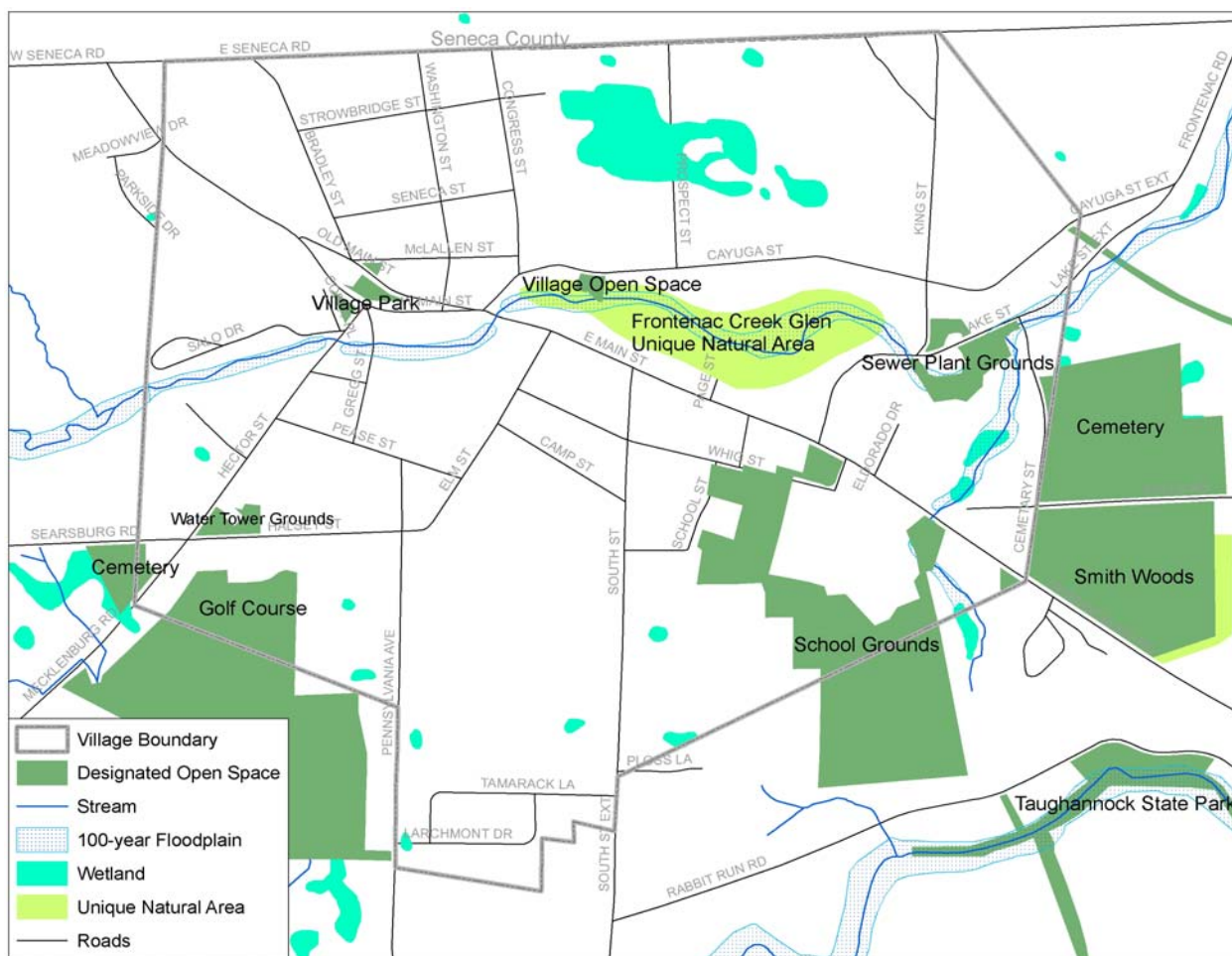
## **Outside of Village**

Two natural features of note lie just outside the Village boundaries to the southeast. Smith Woods, a 32-acre heavily wooded area bounded by Rt. 96, Cemetery Street and Falls Road, is a unique old-growth preserve that is prevented by covenant from any type of development. Smith Woods has over 1,000 feet of frontage on Rt. 96. It is directly across the highway from the fairgrounds, which has magnificent old trees along the road. Smith Woods and the fairgrounds create an extremely attractive and sharply defined natural gateway to the more intensively developed Village of Trumansburg. They also provide an effective physical interruption in the development patterns along Rt. 96 (1992 Draft Village Plan).

Taughannock Creek lies less than ½ mile south of the Village boundary. This natural feature is most visible from Rabbit Run Road and Taughannock Park Road. The banks of Taughannock

Creek are owned by the State of New York for a distance of about 4,000 feet upstream from the Rt. 96 Bridge and downstream to Cayuga Lake (1992 Draft Village Plan). Taughannock Falls State Park provides outstanding recreational opportunities for residents of Tompkins County and visitors from throughout the region. The namesake waterfall is noted as one of the outstanding natural attractions in the Northeast.

**Map 4. Open Space and Natural Features in Trumansburg**



## RENEWABLE ENERGY

Throughout the country there is a growing movement to conserve energy costs at the local level and increasingly more interest in switching to renewable energy sources. In a recent survey of Trumansburg residents, more than two-thirds of respondents indicated that they support the Village pursuing renewable municipal energy options.

## **Conservation**

The Village is responsible for energy costs for 13 buildings. Annual electricity costs between 2003 and 2005 averaged \$48,000. Spending on energy varied widely from year to year, suggesting that the Village may benefit from an energy audit to get a better understanding of its total usage.

## **Choosing an Energy Supplier**

In 1999, the Public Service Commission deregulated the electric power industry in New York State. This meant that utility companies such as NYSEG no longer enjoyed monopoly status in the sale of electricity to customers. Municipalities, businesses, and individuals are now able to shop around for the best energy prices. As a result, Tompkins and Tioga Counties formed an energy alliance, the Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance (MEGA), to achieve the best terms and the lowest and most stable rates for electricity and gas commodities for its members. Approximately 77 municipalities and school districts are MEGA participants including the Village of Trumansburg. According to MEGA, the average savings to Village participants ranges from \$250 to \$13,500 per year.

## **Investing in Renewable Energy**

State and local governments throughout the country are taking a leadership role by investing in renewable energy and adopting renewable portfolio standards for electricity purchases. New York State Governor Pataki issued Executive Order 111 in 2001 requiring all state agencies to purchase 10 percent of their electricity needs from renewable sources by 2005, rising to 20 percent by 2020. In 2004, Tompkins County adopted a renewable portfolio standard, pledging to increase its proportion of non-polluting, renewable energy so that 5% of its annual electricity use will be from renewable sources by 2008.

## **Renewable Energy Credits**

One of the most popular short term methods of investing in renewable energy is purchasing renewable energy credits, or green tags, that offset the polluting effects of a users' regular energy use by supporting the development of clean renewable energy. Purchasers pay a premium equal to a percentage of their average electricity usage to finance renewable energy development such as wind. Renewable energy is still a little more expensive than buying traditional power so green tags are purchased in addition to the electricity that you are now using. More than 24 municipalities in New York State are currently purchasing renewable energy certificates ranging from 5 percent to 100 percent of their total energy usage. Locally, the Town of Caroline purchases wind attributes equal to 27 percent of its annual energy usage. Renewable energy credits are available through MEGA and many other energy suppliers.

## On-Site Generation

Longer-term options to invest in renewable energy include installing solar panels and small, on-site wind turbines to generate electricity as well as adopting green vehicle fleet policies. In 2000, Tompkins County installed a solar array on the roof at the County's central library facility. The system produces almost 2 percent of the County's total energy needs annually and avoids an estimated 57 tons of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions. The panels also reduce heating and air conditioning bills and reduce roof maintenance. The Town of Caroline is currently assessing whether the Town could install its own wind turbine to generate all, or a portion of its municipal energy needs.

## Vehicle Fleets

Maintaining a vehicle fleet is a key component of a local government's operations. The Village currently owns 16 vehicles. Fuel costs between 2003 and 2005 averaged \$22,454 per year. Beyond the monetary cost, fleet vehicles represent a significant source of air pollution. Every gallon of fuel burned releases about 22 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub>. Older vehicles require more fiscal outlays for maintenance and emit larger emissions.

## ENVIRONMENT

### *20-Year Vision*

In 2028, Trumansburg preserves green space for the public and remains a good steward of all public spaces. The Village and the Town of Ulysses work together to protect the water quality of existing wetlands and creeks, and to promote natural resources such as Taughannock Falls and Cayuga Lake as unique assets within the area. Trumansburg pursues several environmentally sound initiatives that access renewable resources such as wind, geothermal and solar energy. An energy use inventory was developed and is now the basis for an energy use master plan for the Village. The community encourages resource conservation through recycling initiatives that promote self-sustainable green practices.

Working towards this vision, our **environmental goals** are to:

1. Create and maintain open space to balance land preservation and public use.
2. Collaborate with the Town of Ulysses to protect water quality and promote conservation and appreciation of unique natural assets within the area.
3. Promote village-wide resource conservation.
4. Pursue alternative renewable sources of energy.

## RECREATION

### CREEK-SIDE RECREATION

#### **Characteristics of Trumansburg Creek**

Trumansburg Creek runs 7,987 feet through the Village. From the downtown bridge at Union Street to the eastern village boundary the creek covers 5,058 feet. The remaining 2,929 feet run from the downtown bridge to the western village boundary. Over the course of its run through the Village the stream drops 120 feet, indicating an overall gradual gradient.

#### **Ownership and Existing Development**

*Downtown (from Main Street bridge) to the eastern village boundary.*

This section of the creek has opportunities for a recreational trail corridor on both the north and south banks. There are only two buildings located within 50 feet of the stream, and otherwise there is adequate room for a trail corridor along the entire stretch. There are multiple property owners along the south side of the creek downtown, but otherwise ownership is relatively unfragmented. The Village owns about 25 percent of this section of the creek on both sides. More than 60 percent of the remaining creek (about 3,800 feet) is owned by a single property owner.

In the downtown area, the north side of the creek is relatively undeveloped while the south side is heavily developed and has been split into multiple parcels. On both sides, however, development is generally set back from the creek allowing room for a trail corridor. The notable exceptions to this is one property on the north side of the creek across from the core downtown area where the house is located less than 50 feet from the stream bank.

The Village owns a  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre property along the creek in the downtown area. The property extends along both sides of the creek for about 60 feet, with the majority located on the north side.

Just east of the downtown core (east of South St), the residential properties along Main Street and Cayuga Street generally do not extend back to the creek. Instead, most of the land adjacent to the creek is part of one large (16-acre) property that is undeveloped except for a single-family home and outbuildings set well back from the creek. This property extends approximately 2,400 feet on both sides of the creek. Of the remaining three creek-side properties, the two residential properties along the north side of the creek have houses set back more than 100 feet, while the property on the south side has a house within 50 feet of the stream bank.

East of where Lake Street crosses Trumansburg Creek, the Village owns property along both sides of the creek for the sewage treatment plant. The property extends approximately 1,200 feet on both sides of the creek. Although this property is used for sewage treatment, the facility

and associated parking takes up less than a quarter of the property, leaving ample room for a trail corridor. Beyond the Village property, a privately owned vacant parcel is located on both sides of the creek up to the village boundary.

*Downtown (from Main Street bridge) to the western village boundary.*

Along the north side of the creek, housing and commercial development occurs along the entire stretch where Main Street crosses the creek to the village boundary. Many of these buildings are located within 50 or 60 feet of the creek, which generally does not provide enough space for a trail corridor without significantly infringing on people's backyards and privacy.

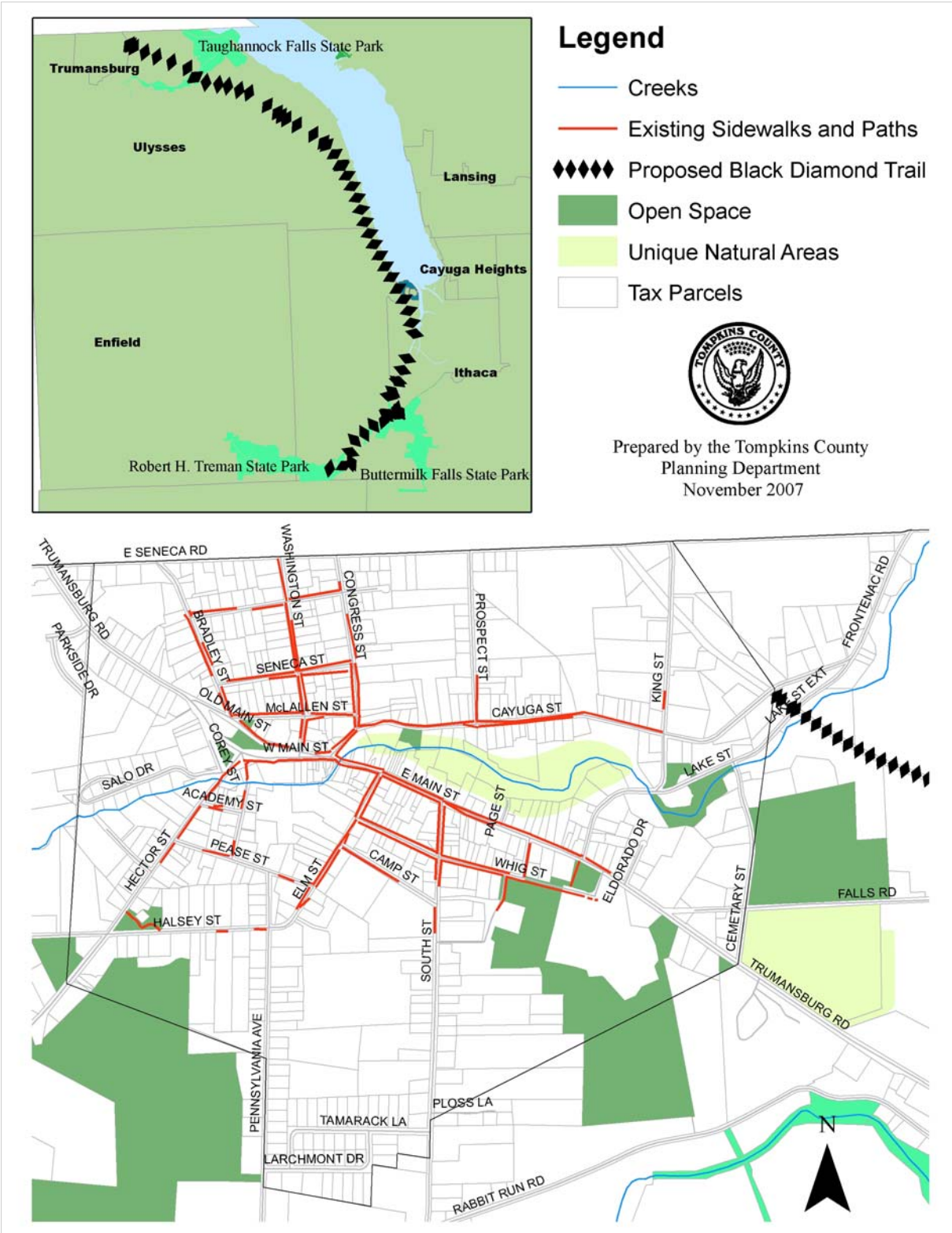
The south side of the creek offers a better opportunity for trail development. East Main Street to Hector Street has relatively few property owners, and all of the buildings, except three, are located away from the creek. The senior citizen home is located along this section of the creek. From Hector Street to the village boundary, there are no buildings within 100 feet of the creek and most of the land remains in large parcels.

**Connections to Future Black Diamond Trail**

The future Black Diamond Trail corridor crosses the Trumansburg Creek just east of Lake Street Extension at the village edge. Although this trail is still in the planning phase, it will ultimately connect the three State Parks in Tompkins County. A village link to this trail would greatly enhance recreation opportunities for Village residents and visitors.



**Map 5. Potential Connections to the Proposed Black Diamond Trail**



### **INDOOR RECREATION AND EXERCISE FACILITIES**

Currently there are only limited facilities and opportunities for indoor recreation and exercise in the Village. Although there is one commercial workout facility for women, most of the indoor recreation opportunities are provided through the Adult Community Education Program. The program utilizes the schools to provide a series of community indoor sports and exercise activities including basketball, volleyball, and dance aerobics.

### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

The Village and Town have a joint agreement to provide youth programs to all youth who attend the Trumansburg School, including some out-of-county youth. The community works collaboratively to offer a wide range of activities for free or for the lowest possible cost to families. The details of programs offered through the Village and Town joint agreement are outlined in Table 1. Additional programs and activities for youth include:

- After-school and weekend music and dance programs at the Conservatory.
- Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.
- Church activities.
- Youth sports leagues.
- Soccer - local play and travel team.
- Lacrosse - new and growing local teams.

**Table 8. Youth Recreation Programs**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Ages</b>	<b>Participants</b>
<b>Summer Recreation</b>		<b>438</b>
Morning playschool	0 to 4	16
Field trips and sports	5 to 9	264
Afternoon Swim Bus	10 to 15	158
<b>Open Gym</b>		<b>61</b>
	10 to 15	16
	16-20	45
<b>Summer Reading Program</b>		<b>183</b>
	0-4	31
	5 to 9	90
	10 to 15	62
<b>Youth Services<sup>1</sup></b>		<b>227</b>
Middle School	12-15	154
High School	15-18	73
<b>Youth Employment<sup>2</sup></b>		<b>40</b>
Job skills and casual employment		20
Subsidized employment		20
<b>Total Youth Development</b>		<b>949</b>
<b>Recreation Partnership</b>		<b>124</b>
<b>Total Participation</b>		<b>1073</b>

<sup>1</sup> The Youth Services programs offer activities year round, for middle and high school youth. A wide range of activities is offered, and all activities must meet youth development standards.

<sup>2</sup> A Youth Employment project employs or prepares about 40 youth for employment -most of this is local, and serves Camps and local not for profits.

## RECREATION

### *20-Year Vision*

In 2028, Trumansburg recognizes that recreational activities are important to the economic, environmental and social health of its community. The Village has an established physical connection to the Black Diamond Trail for extended hiking and biking opportunities. Indoor and outdoor recreational activities such as swimming, skate boarding, basketball and tennis are available for all generations of residents. There is a multi-purpose community center available for residents of all ages.

Working toward this vision, our **recreation goals** are to:

1. Create a trail or pedestrian way that connects the Village of Trumansburg to the Black Diamond Trail.
2. Establish indoor and outdoor recreational facilities that provide activities such as swimming, skate boarding, basketball and tennis.
3. Establish a multi-purpose community center.
4. Work in cooperation with Trumansburg School to provide a network of recreational amenities and programs for all ages.

## LAND USE

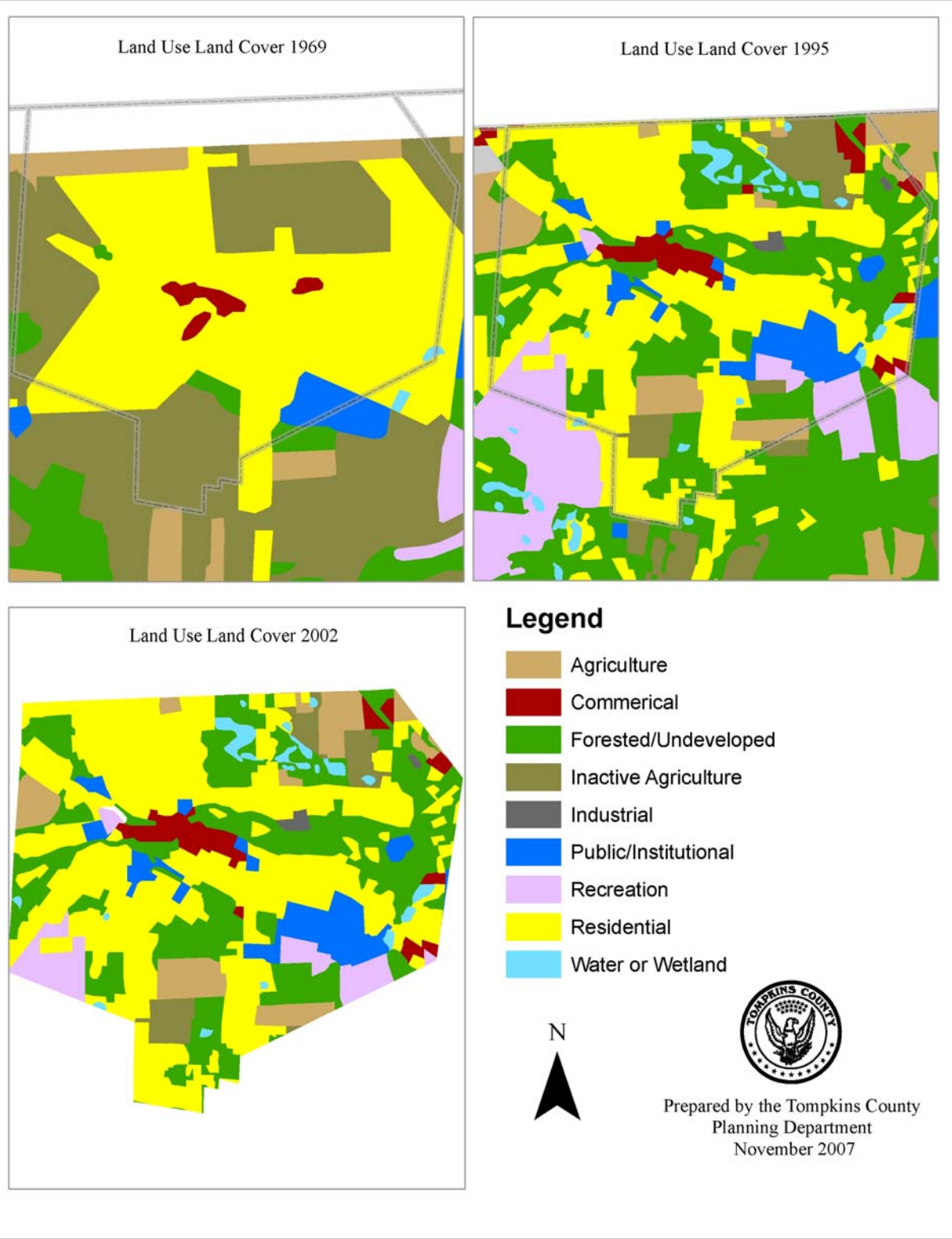
Between 1995 and 2002 there was relatively little change in land use and land cover in the Village (see table 9). Changes that did occur included new residential development on land that was previously wetlands and woodlands, and previously inactive agricultural land either being put back into production or reverting to brush. These changes are highlighted in the map below.

Conversion of open land to residential development primarily occurred in two areas: 1) In the northern portion of the Village along Prospect Street on land that was previously wetland and forest; and 2) in the southern portion of the Village along Tamarack Lane on land that was previously forest. The agricultural land use change occurred in the northwestern portion of the Village, where a field was put back into active agriculture, and in the southern portion of the town where a small field reverted to brush. In addition, there were two small properties that went from residential land use in 1995 to commercial land use in 2002. These are located in the central portion of the town.

**Table 9. Village of Trumansburg Land Use Land Cover, 1995-2002**

Land Use Land Cover	Acres		
	1995	2002	Percent Change
Agriculture	42.0	55.2	13.2
Commercial	26.0	27.2	1.1
Inactive Agriculture	45.1	27.7	-17.4
Industrial	3.3	3.3	0.0
Forest and Brush	223.2	215.7	-7.5
Public/Institutional	47.2	47.2	0.0
Recreation	38.3	38.3	0.0
Residential	355.0	362.5	7.4
Wetland/Open Water	16.6	15.8	-0.9

**Map 6. Land Use Land Cover from 1969 to 2002**



## LAND USE

### *20-Year Vision*

In 2028, Trumansburg has zoned tracts of land identified for commercial and residential development. Additional acreage acquired by the Village, protected as agriculture, wetlands, green space and recreation areas, preserve contiguous physical and visual connections to the surrounding rural landscape. All new building construction along the Main Street corridor has ample parking behind their structures (where permissible) so that building setbacks are consistent with existing historic buildings and street parking is more accessible. Residential zones of varying densities offer a range of housing options that are affordable for low to middle income households.

Through the cooperative planning efforts of residents and business owners, the Village, as a self-sustaining, creative and friendly community, is protected from unwanted, unnecessary development. Established zoning regulations, which provide sufficient infrastructure, enable small businesses to thrive while embracing Trumansburg's upstate New York rural character.

Working towards this vision, our **land use goals** are to:

1. Protect agriculture land, wetlands and green-space that provides contiguous physical and visual connections to the surrounding rural landscape without imposing economic hardships on landowners.
2. Promote new construction along Main Street with setbacks that are consistent with existing historic buildings and ample parking located preferably behind the structure.
3. Continue to develop residential neighborhoods of varying densities that offer a range of affordable housing options.
4. Promote a variety of economic development that serves the needs of the Village residents.

## STRATEGIES



## IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

*Short-term strategies (in the next two years):*

### Community Focus

- Install new signs and landscaping at entrances to the Village on Route 96 and 227.
- Enforce tree conservation and sidewalk maintenance ordinances.
- Work with local officials to enforce established noise ordinance.
- Incorporate landscape and sidewalk requirements into new construction subdivision regulations.
- Implement the recommendations of the Street Tree Survey to guide street tree maintenance and plant recommendations.
- Begin installing interpretive markers that provide information about Village history.
- Engage historical society to develop Village tours.
- Develop a Safe Routes to School Program and improve sidewalks on Camp Street, Whig Street, South Street, Pease Street, Lake Street and King Street per the recommendation of the Trumansburg Walkability Study.
- Extend Main Street sidewalk from Washington Street to Community Park off Hector Street and then to the northwest to Seneca Road per the recommendation of the Trumansburg Walkability Study.
- Organize and promote Village-wide celebrations several times a year to encourage a sense of community.
- Encourage increased use of the Ulysses Philomathic Library as a Village cultural and educational resource.
- Update and maintain site plan and zoning ordinances.
- Establish a Village-based umbrella community development organization focused on issues of education, economic development and natural resource protection.

### Housing Focus

- Incorporate sidewalk and infrastructure requirements into site plan review, zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations for residential development.
- Revise zoning ordinance to incorporate greater variety in housing types, including permitting accessory apartments.
- Incorporate an affordable housing density bonus into the Village-zoning ordinance.
- Install streetlights along major streets such as Main Street.
- Revise subdivision/site plan regulations to incorporate multi-unit housing.
- Work with community entities, such as Cornell Cooperative Extension, to

inventory the existing housing stock in the Village and identify rehabilitation needs.

- Work with Better Housing for Tompkins County to implement a home repair program.
- Ensure there is accessibility to green space in neighborhoods and multi-unit housing.

#### Economic Development Focus

- Develop a “Shop Local” Campaign that includes a directory of village services and businesses.
- Create a database that provides up-to-date information on the available commercial and retail space in downtown buildings.
- Improve signage and advertising for the Trumansburg Farmers Market.
- Coordinate with Tompkins County Convention and Visitors Bureau to assist in identifying ways that Trumansburg and its tourism attractions and services can be incorporated in related promotions.
- Work with Cayuga Wine Trail, the Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway and the Taughannock Falls State Park in cross-promotions, with Trumansburg establishments serving as viable dining and lodging options.
- Create a program that would encourage Main Street outlets for locally produced goods.
- Work with owners of commercial space to further the goal of enlivening the downtown core.
- Revise site plan review to incorporate layout and design of buildings so it better reflects and perpetuates the character and style of traditional commercial buildings in the Village.
- Utilize the Village website to become the gateway for community and visitor information to Trumansburg.
- Enhance the Village Hall in partnership with the Tompkins County Convention and Visitors Bureau to notify visitors of community information available at the Hall, such as a visitor information sign.

#### Environment Focus

- Establish zoning for development with green space; conservation easements; incorporate cluster zoning.
- In zoning ordinance establish 100-foot setbacks from streams.
- Educate community on energy-saving practices.
- Work with Public Works Department to purchase renewable energy credits for use in Village offices and buildings.
- Establish an energy use inventory for the Village.
- Contract with an agency or company to conduct an energy audit for the Village.
- Evaluate energy efficiency programs offered by NYSERDA (New York

State Energy, Research and Development Authority).

- Create a community energy task force.

#### Recreation Focus

- Publicize the availability of adult leagues and adult classes offered at the schools by the Trumansburg Community Education Programs.
- Look at the possibility of an indoor and/or outdoor recreation facility, including options to share facility with schools.
- Identify a network of walking trails in the Village.
- Work with the Trumansburg Golf Course to provide additional recreational opportunities for community members.

#### Land Use Focus

- Incorporate parking regulations into zoning and/or site plan review ordinances.
- Incorporate design review, that addresses items such as storefront facades, into the site plan review process.
- Revise zoning ordinance to provide diversity in required lot size.
- Establish minimum and maximum building sizes for commercial development.
- Identify and encourage preferred uses for undeveloped land in the Village.

#### *Intermediate Strategies (2-5 years):*

##### Community Focus

- Provide good signage to show available parking within the Village.
- Ensure that neighborhood infrastructure, such as sidewalks and drainage, is consistently maintained.
- Maintain a working relationship with the New York State Department of Transportation to ensure Village needs are addressed with respect to Main Street/NYS Route 96.
- Collaborate with schools to involve families on mutual projects to benefit the larger community.
- Continue to install interpretive markers that provide information about Village history.
- Continue to work with historical society to promote the history of the Village.
- Improve Elm Street sidewalk, parking and streetscape on both sides of the street between Main Street and Town Hall and Village Hall parking. Improve Union Street and Cayuga Street to link the central area to Lake Street and the future Black Diamond Trailhead per the recommendation of the Trumansburg Walkability Study.
- Enforce existing property code regarding sidewalk upgrades and tree lawn maintenance to provide a consistent sidewalk area throughout the Village.
- Develop a lighting ordinance to regulate outdoor lighting in order to promote energy efficiency and reduce or prevent light pollution.

#### Housing Focus

- Incorporate the concept of “complete streets” which integrate the needs of all modes of travel including walking, biking, transit and automobiles.
- Encourage housing that is senior friendly in the Village.
- Work towards creating additional housing of varying costs in the downtown core.

#### Economic Development Focus

- Conduct an analysis of parking needs and identify potential gaps.
- Identify key tourist amenities and create a tourism brochure.
- Update the walking tour of buildings in Trumansburg listed on the National Register of Historic Places along with other buildings of historical significance.
- Work with property owners to provide current vacant storefronts as available commercial space.
- Establish job creation incentives for business owners.
- Help businesses collaborate in marketing efforts such as creating vacation packages.
- Establish a Village Small Business Incentive Program that encourages residents to open their own business.
- Establish a volunteer committee to identify and promote the unique niche Trumansburg can fill in the regional tourism picture.

#### Environment Focus

- Identify specific sites that can be set aside for preservation as green space as it becomes available.
- Explore potential renewable energy sources such as wind or geothermal energy.
- Adopt a Green Fleet Vehicle Policy for Village owned vehicles.
- Develop a Village Energy Plan to aid in securing funding for proposed initiatives.
- Work with TCAT to evaluate the feasibility of increasing bus service to Trumansburg, particularly in the evening hours.

#### Recreation Focus

- Explore various sites that are suitable for community recreational purposes.
- Research the feasibility of providing a community center by discussing with municipalities that have successfully accomplished this goal.
- Continue to promote the network of walking trails throughout the Village.

#### Land Use Focus

- Create a Design Guidebook that highlights the Village architectural elements for the purpose of informing the Planning Board.
- Identify areas of the Village where high-density housing could be established by adding additional Village streets.

#### *Long-term strategies (if an opportunity arises):*

##### Community Focus

- Establish a committee to facilitate a working relationship between property owners and the Village Board in an effort to maintain sidewalks and ensure sidewalks exist on at least one side of the street throughout neighborhoods.
- Develop a Trumansburg Greenways Committee to develop a greenway/trail master plan and implementation strategy per the recommendation of the Trumansburg Walkability Study.

##### Housing Focus

- Enforce zoning ordinance and site plan review regulations with proposed housing.
- Ensure there is accessibility to green space among a varying density of housing.

##### Economic Development Focus

- Work with the Chamber of Commerce and/or local non-profit organization to operate business incubators.
- Research the feasibility of providing a shuttle vehicle from parking areas to the downtown core.

##### Environment Focus

- Establish a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Critical Environmental Area with the Frontec Creek Glen Unique Natural Area.
- Explore the feasibility of the Village becoming the provider of municipal utilities.

##### Recreation Focus

- Work with State Parks to acquire property and/or trail easements for the future trail connections.
- Contract a Recreational Planning Service to facilitate trail connection opportunities.

- Pursue private funding sources for a recreational facility, including grants and local fundraisers.
- Establish greenways that connect the commercial, residential and natural features of the community.

The Comprehensive Plan also offers several strategies for effective involvement between the Village of Trumansburg and the Town of Ulysses. They are as follows:

- Work with the Town to provide favorable support to maintain the rural property of the area.
- Work with the Town of Ulysses, and potentially neighboring communities in Seneca and Schuyler Counties, to promote the Trumansburg Farmers Market with local producers and merchants.
- Establish a joint task force that includes Village and Town board members and residents to address water quality and unique natural assets.

## MONITORING PLAN

New York State Village Law requires that the Comprehensive Plan be reviewed on a periodic basis; five year intervals is highly recommended. It is important to review the Comprehensive Plan on a frequent basis so that it remains a working document, which can be modified as appropriate. The strategies set forth in this Comprehensive Plan are manageable within a specified amount of time; the Comprehensive Plan forms the basis of future governance and informs land use regulations.

It has been said that the only constant is change. The Village of Trumansburg looks to embrace change, give it some guidance, but realize that the Village must look different twenty years from now if it is to remain the beautiful place we call home.

## **SURVEY APPENDICIES**

## APENDIX A: 2006 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

In May of 2006 residents of Trumansburg were asked to participate in the 2006 Comprehensive Plan Community Survey. The survey served as an opportunity for residents to provide direct input on the development of the Comprehensive Plan to help guide Trumansburg into the future. Residents were asked to complete the survey and return it to the Village Hall. Working closely with Crystal Buck, Senior Planner for Tompkins County Planning Department and Village Trustee David Filiberto, the Trumansburg Comprehensive Plan Committee created general survey questions about key issues. Of the 709 surveys mailed out, 217 were returned complete for a 31% response rate.

### APPENDIX A INCLUDES:

- Cover Letter for the Comprehensive Plan Community Survey.
- The Comprehensive Plan Community Survey.
- Village of Trumansburg Comprehensive Plan Community Survey:  
*Analysis of Results.*



## 2006 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

May 2006

Dear Village Resident,

We need your help. We need ten minutes of your time....

Over the next few years, the village of Trumansburg will be developing new zoning regulations. To do this properly, a Comprehensive Plan must first be created to responsibly guide our community's cultural integrity and economic viability, as well as to direct the zoning process. Development of the Comprehensive Plan will give you an opportunity, as a resident of the Village, to help guide Trumansburg into the future. Two earlier plans were not adopted by the Village; the 1977 "General plan for the Village of Trumansburg" and the 1992 "General Development Plan". We, the members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, are writing to ask you and members of your household to complete the enclosed survey that we have very carefully prepared. If more than one person in your household would like to fill out the survey, feel free to photocopy the enclosed survey, download it from the web site, or pick up extra copies in the brochure rack on the front porch of the Village hall.

This committee is comprised of Village residents who range in age between their early twenties and early sixties; some members are long-time residents, others are raising families, some are business people, while some are all of these. Working closely with Crystal Buck, Senior Planner for Tompkins County and Village Trustee David Filiberto, the committee has created general survey questions about key issues.

Your input is a critical part of creating a viable future for the village of Trumansburg. This is the time to share your thoughts about living here. You are invited to be a part of the public process. You are welcome to attend our meetings—please check out the meeting schedule at < [www.Trumansburg.ny.us](http://www.Trumansburg.ny.us) >—and review our meeting agendas and work plan.

Please submit your completed survey by Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> to the Village office.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

2006 Comprehensive Plan Committee Members: Patricia Burgevin, Bill Chaisson, Jonathan Cook, Bill Connor, Deirdre Cunningham, Don Ellis, David Filiberto, Ben Guthrie, Jim Martin, Suzi Munoz, Erin Reynolds, Don Schlather, Christopher Thomas and Michelle Wright

## Village of Trumansburg Comprehensive Plan Community Survey

1. For each of the services listed below, please *check off* whether you think the existing level of service should be INCREASED (with an increase in taxes or charges), the existing level of service is APPROPRIATE, or the level of service should be DECREASED (with a decrease in taxes or charges).

SERVICE	Increase	Appropriate	Decrease
Street Maintenance			
Snow Plowing			
Police Protection			
Fire Protection			
Rescue			
Sidewalk Construction			
Street Lights			
Street Trees			
Library			
Recreational Facilities			
Recreational Programs			
Youth Programs			
Public Transit			

2. Please indicate whether the following issues in the village are (1) VERY IMPORTANT, (2) SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT, (3) NEITHER IMPORTANT NOR UNIMPORTANT, (4) SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT, (5) VERY UNIMPORTANT or (6) DON'T KNOW

Range of housing options	_____
Housing for seniors	_____
Historic preservation	_____
Bike and or pedestrian paths	_____
Preserving green space	_____
Establish a recreational area along creeks	_____
Streetscape improvement	_____
Aesthetic appeal of highway entrances into village	_____

3. Please CIRCLE the ONE most important activity or service you would like to see the community doing for kids:

- 1 Provide Public Park with playground (swings, slide, etc.).
- 2 Provide a skateboard park.
- 3 Designate a recreation area along the creeks and streams.
- 4 Develop after-school activities outside of the school system.
- 5 Nothing. There are plenty of activities and services for kids.
- 6 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please CIRCLE ONE. How important is it for the value of your property to keep pace with other properties in Tompkins County and surrounding areas?

- 1 VERY IMPORTANT
- 2 MODERATLY IMPORTANT
- 3 UNIMPORTANT
- 4 NOT AN ISSUE

5. On a scale from 1 to 5, do you believe Trumansburg is changing for the better or worse?

**BETTER**                      **NOT CHANGING**                      **WORSE**  
 1                      2                      3                      4                      5

WHY? \_\_\_\_\_

To what extent do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statement. Please CIRCLE ONE response.

6. 'To preserve both the natural and architectural features of the Village landscape, the Village should invest time and money.'

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 4 SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
- 2 SOMEWHAT AGREE
- 5 STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 3 NEITHER DISAGREE NOR AGREE
- 6 DON'T KNOW

7. Where do the members of your household currently work?

	At Home	Trumansburg	Ithaca	Lansing	Elsewhere in Tompkins County	Out of County	Not Applicable
Adult 1							
Adult 2							
Teen 1							
Teen 2							

8. How important should the role of tourism be in our local economy?

- 1 VERY IMPORTANT
- 4 SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT
- 2 SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
- 5 VERY UNIMPORTANT
- 3 NEITHER IMPORTANT NOR UNIMPORTANT
- 6 DON'T KNOW

9. Please rank each of the following reasons why you live in Trumansburg:  
 (1) VERY IMPORTANT, (2) SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT, (3) NEITHER  
 IMPORTANT NOR UNIMPORTANT, (4) SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT,  
 (5) VERY UNIMPORTANT or (6) DON'T KNOW.

REASON	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NEITHER	SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT	VERY UNIMPORTANT	DON'T KNOW
My job is here						
Village in a rural setting						
Historic character						
Walkability						
Access to public transportation						
Family grew up here						
Quality schools						
Quiet neighborhoods						
Affordable housing						
Proximity to State Parks and National Forest						
Proximity to Ithaca						
Proximity to agricultural land						
Vibrant Main Street						
Sense of community						
Aesthetic Qualities (tree- lined streets, creek)						
Other:						

10. What type of commercial development would you like to INCLUDE or AVOID in the Village's future? (Circle INCLUDE or AVOID for each)

- |    |                                    |         |       |
|----|------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| 1  | Businesses centered on tourism     | INCLUDE | AVOID |
| 2  | Neighborhood retail services       | INCLUDE | AVOID |
| 3  | Fast food restaurants              | INCLUDE | AVOID |
| 4  | Other restaurants                  | INCLUDE | AVOID |
| 5  | Light industrial and manufacturing | INCLUDE | AVOID |
| 6  | Gas station and convenience store  | INCLUDE | AVOID |
| 7  | Farmer's Market                    | INCLUDE | AVOID |
| 8  | Chain stores                       | INCLUDE | AVOID |
| 9  | Home occupations                   | INCLUDE | AVOID |
| 10 | Other _____                        | INCLUDE | AVOID |

Comment further on any of the above

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To what extent do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statement.  
Please CIRCLE ONE response.

11. 'I would like to see the Village pursue renewable municipal energy options.'

- |   |                               |   |                   |
|---|-------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 1 | STRONGLY AGREE                | 4 | SOMEWHAT DISAGREE |
| 2 | SOMEWHAT AGREE                | 5 | STRONGLY DISAGREE |
| 3 | NEITHER DISAGREE<br>NOR AGREE | 6 | DON'T KNOW        |

12. Please indicate whether you would like to see MORE, LESS, or NO CHANGE for the following land uses:

- |   |                                  |      |      |           |
|---|----------------------------------|------|------|-----------|
| 1 | Residential development          | MORE | LESS | NO CHANGE |
| 2 | Commercial development           | MORE | LESS | NO CHANGE |
| 3 | Agricultural use                 | MORE | LESS | NO CHANGE |
| 4 | Starter homes for young families | MORE | LESS | NO CHANGE |
| 5 | Senior housing                   | MORE | LESS | NO CHANGE |
| 5 | Public green space               | MORE | LESS | NO CHANGE |
| 6 | Other _____                      | MORE | LESS | NO CHANGE |

13. Should new commercial development be ALLOWED or NOT ALLOWED to extend beyond existing commercial districts (example: neighborhoods next to downtown)? CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

- 1 Not allowed.
- 2 Allowed, but with **strict** limitations (example: limit number of employees, limited hours of operation, or require a fence or landscaped buffer.)
- 3 Allowed, but with **moderate** limitations (example: limit lighting and signage, or require design that 'blends into' residential area)
- 4 Allowed, but with **some** limitations on the type or size of businesses
- 5 Allowed, with no limitations.
- 6 Don't know.

14. About how often do you do the following in Trumansburg?

CATEGORY	3 or more times per week	1 or 2 times per week	3 or more times per month	Once per month	Less than once per month	Never
Grocery Shopping						
Convenience Foods						
Clothing and Apparel						
Drug Store						
Barber and Beauty Shop						
Hardware and Garden Supply						
Medical						
Dental						
Other Professional Services						
Auto Supplies and Repair						
Entertainment						
Health Club						
Day Care						
Eat in Restaurant						
Take Out Food						
Use Post Office						
Use Library						

**PLEASE TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF - FEEL FREE TO SKIP ANY QUESTION IN WHICH YOU ARE NOT COMFORTABLE ANSWERING**

Please CIRCLE the most appropriate answer.

What is your present age?

- |                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| 1 UNDER 25 YEARS | 4 65+ YEARS |
| 2 18-44 YEARS    |             |
| 3 45-64 YEARS    |             |

Which best describes your education level?

- 1 SOME HIGH SCHOOL
- 2 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE
- 3 SOME COLLEGE
- 1 TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL
- 2 COLLEGE GRADUATE
- 3 POST GRADUATE

Which best describes your HOUSEHOLD'S annual gross income?

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 LESS THAN \$25,000 | 4 100,000 – 149,000   |
| 2 \$25,000-49,999    | 5 MORE THAN \$150,000 |
| 3 50,000-99,999      |                       |

What is your household size?

- 1 1
- 2 2
- 3 3
- 4 4
- 5 5 or More

How long have you lived in the Village?

- 1. less than 1 year
- 2. 1 – 5 years
- 3. 6- 10
- 4. 11- 20
- 5. more than 20

**THANK YOU**

COMPLETED SURVEYS MAY BE RETURNED TO  
DROP BOXES AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

*Trumansburg ShurSave*

*Trumansburg Big M*

*Trumansburg Tompkins Trust Company*

*Ulysses Philomathic Library*

*Or*

*Trumansburg Village Hall*

If you prefer, you may mail the survey back to the Village  
Offices; fold the survey so that the return address is visible;  
tape closed and place postage in the space provided.

**AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION**



## VILLAGE OF TRUMANSBURG COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY: *ANALYSIS OF RESULTS*

In 2006 the Village of Trumansburg mailed out the Comprehensive Plan survey to all residents, developed with a structured conceptualization method. The method entailed using Concept Mapping® from Concept Systems Inc., a type of structured conceptualization developed by Professor William Trochim of Cornell University. It is a method that provides a visual representation of relationships between a set of ideas or concepts. The term "structured conceptualization" refers to any process, which can be described as a sequence of concrete operationally-defined steps, which yields an abstract representation. The survey design team composed of residents of the Village, brainstormed ideas, sorted those ideas and generated question themes and content according to the concept mapping instructions. Each of the 709 households in Trumansburg received a survey on May 15, 2006 with a request to complete it by June 5, 2006. Several 'drop boxes' were made available throughout the Village where completed questionnaires were collected. The survey was also available online at the Village website for download. Of the 709 surveys mailed out, 217 were returned complete or 31% response rate.

The first question of the survey provided a list of Village services and asked whether levels of service should be increased or decreased. More than 15% of respondents felt that the amount of police protection should be decreased. This was the only category in which more than 9% of those surveyed indicated that they would like to see allocations decreased. In contrast, only 6% of respondents thought that less should be spent on village sidewalk construction while 58% felt that the level of service should increase. This was the only category wherein a majority of respondents indicated that the level of service should rise. No distinction was made in the survey between sidewalks in commercial areas and those in residential neighborhoods.

The second question provided a list of land-use issues and asked respondents to rate their importance. Only "Green space" was rated as "very important" by a majority (53.9 %) of those residents polled. "Historic preservation" came in second with 46.5 % rating as "very important". The issue, "aesthetic entrances" to the Village generated the least interest by the sample of residents; 19.4 % rated it as "very important".

When residents were asked what activity they would like to see the community develop for young people, a skateboard park with 12.4% expressing interest was, along with an "other" option the least popular. More people (16.6%) favored doing "nothing" additional for young people in the community. The largest number of people 6.3% looked favorably on the generalized category of "after school activities".

The sample's response to the question "Do you believe that Trumansburg is changing for the better or worse?" was rather evenly divided. The combined total for the categories "better" and "somewhat better" is 38.2%, and the total percentage under "worse" and "somewhat worse" was 43.3%. Only 12.4% felt that the community was not changing.

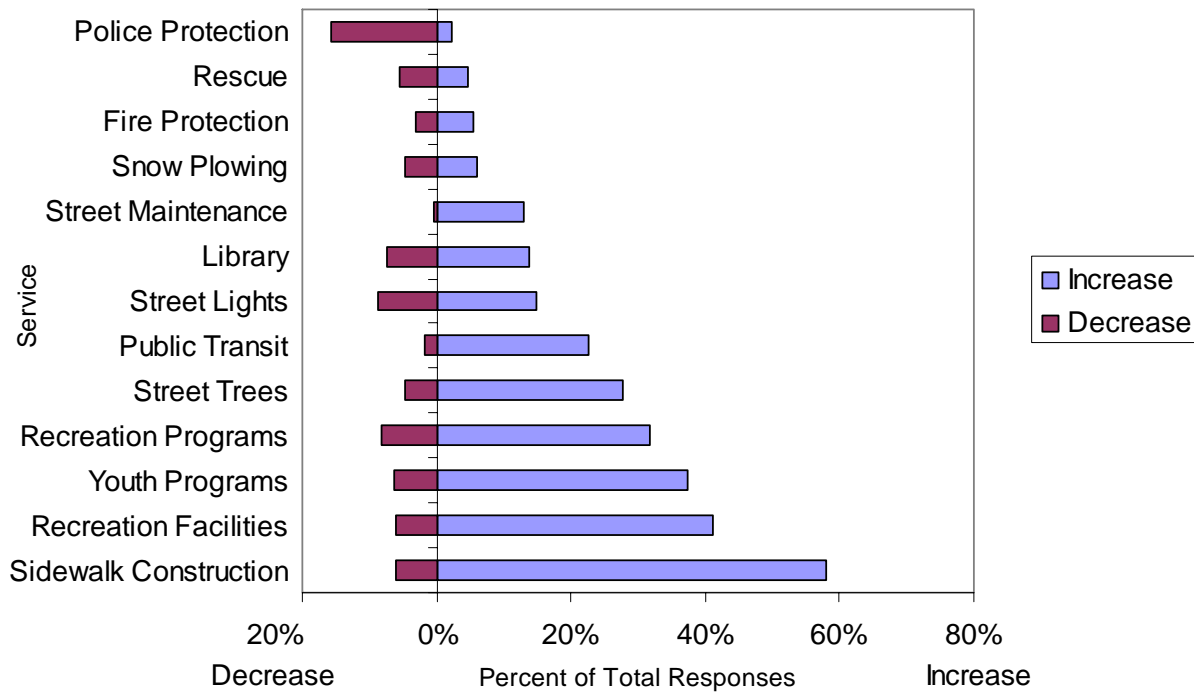
Questions 6 and 8 asked respectively whether the village should spend money on preservation of natural and architectural features and how important tourism was to the local economy. A clear majority of those polled (68.2%) agreed that preservation was important and 74.2% believed that tourism was either "very important" or "somewhat important."

The most frequently cited reason for living in Trumansburg was the answer choice "quiet"; 90.3% of respondents considered it either "somewhat important" or "very important." Also ranking high were "community" (86.6%), "rural" (85.7%) and "aesthetic" (81.1%). Rated somewhat lower were "schools" (77.8%) and "Main Street" (64.1%). Distinctly less important to those who responded to the survey were "agriculture land" (41.1%) and "family" (26.7%). There were some clear opinions expressed regarding the nature of commercial development that should be included in the future Village landscape. Chain stores and fast food establishments were unpopular; 78.8% indicated that they should be avoided. Favorable reactions were given to the existing farmers' market (89.4%), home occupations (77%), restaurants (76%), tourism (71.4%), and neighborhood retail (73.7 %). A surprising majority percentage (57.6%) favored more light industrial development.

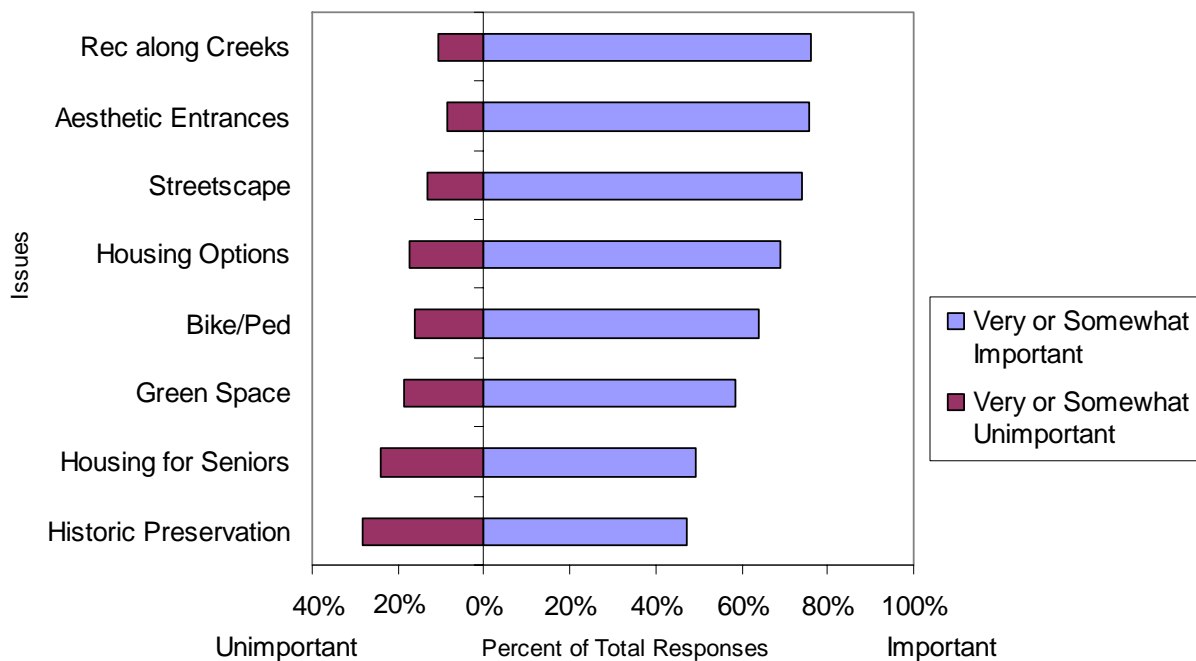
Opinions were generally more evenly divided regarding favoring more or less of several land-uses. More "green space" was the most solidly preferred (60.4%) choice. 53% of those responding wished to see less land for agriculture. The final question asked residents how often they engaged in seventeen different economic activities in Trumansburg. The post office and the grocery store were the most frequented places with 40.1% and 43.8% respectively of responding residents stopping in more than three times per week. Local restaurants were patronized three times per month or more by 46.5% of respondents. Fewer responding residents (22.5%) sought out entertainment in Trumansburg more than three times per month. This was fewer than the 23% who indicated that they never sought out entertainment in the village where they live.

The demographic characteristics of the respondents were typical of those who inhabit the Village compared to U.S. Census figures. Almost 50% of the respondents were aged 45-64 years, with a household income of \$50,000 to \$99,999 of 39.6% of those responding. Many were long time residents, 41.9% living there more than twenty years and an average household size of two residents (44.7%). Of surprise was the education level of those whom responded; 72.8% hold college or higher advanced degrees.

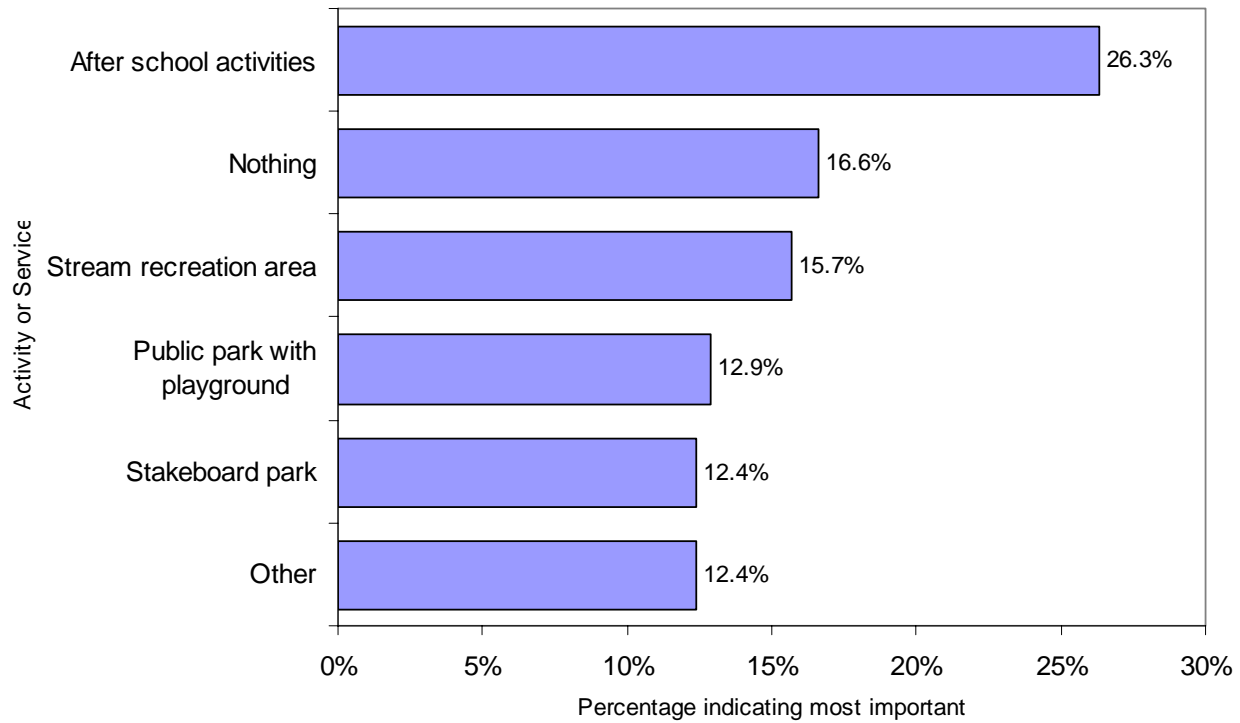
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2. Please indicate whether the following issues in the village are (1) VERY IMPORTANT, (2) SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT, (3) NEITHER IMPORTANT NOR UNIMPORTANT, (4) SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT, (5) VERY UNIMPORTANT or (6) DON'T KNOW.



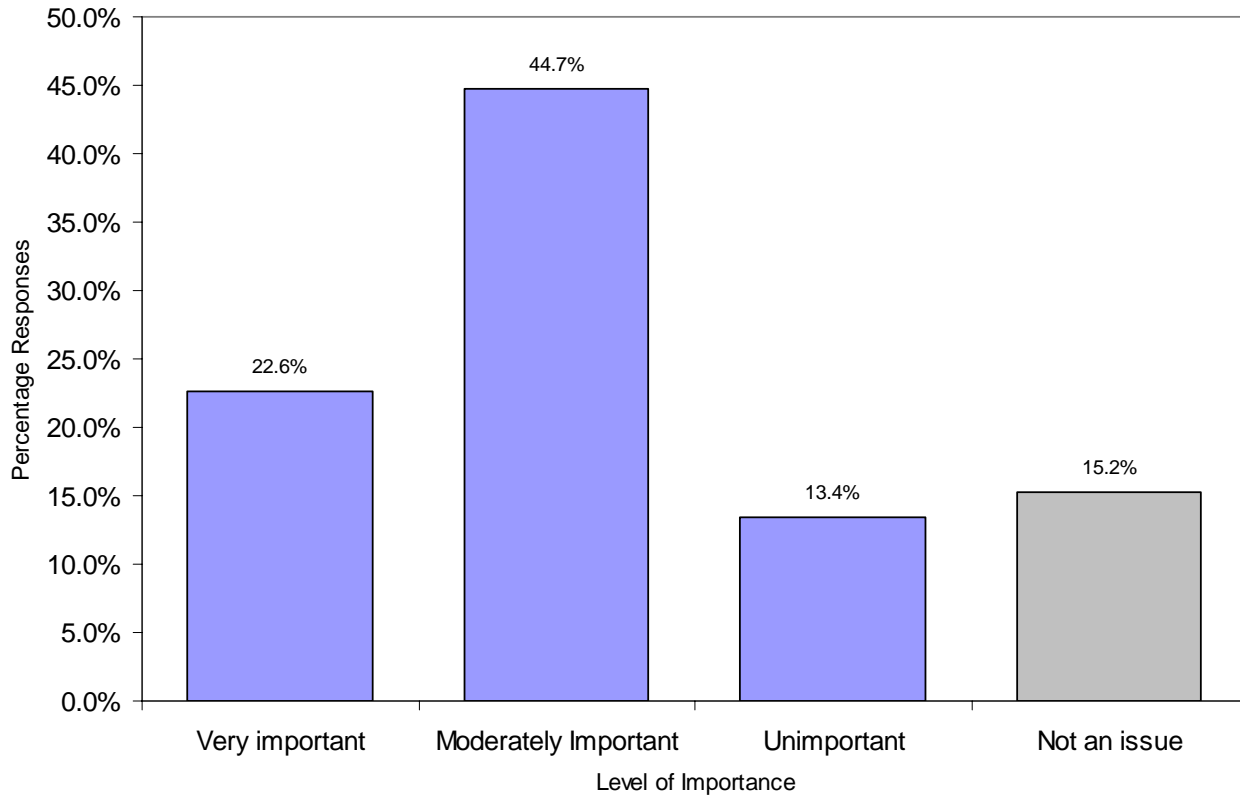
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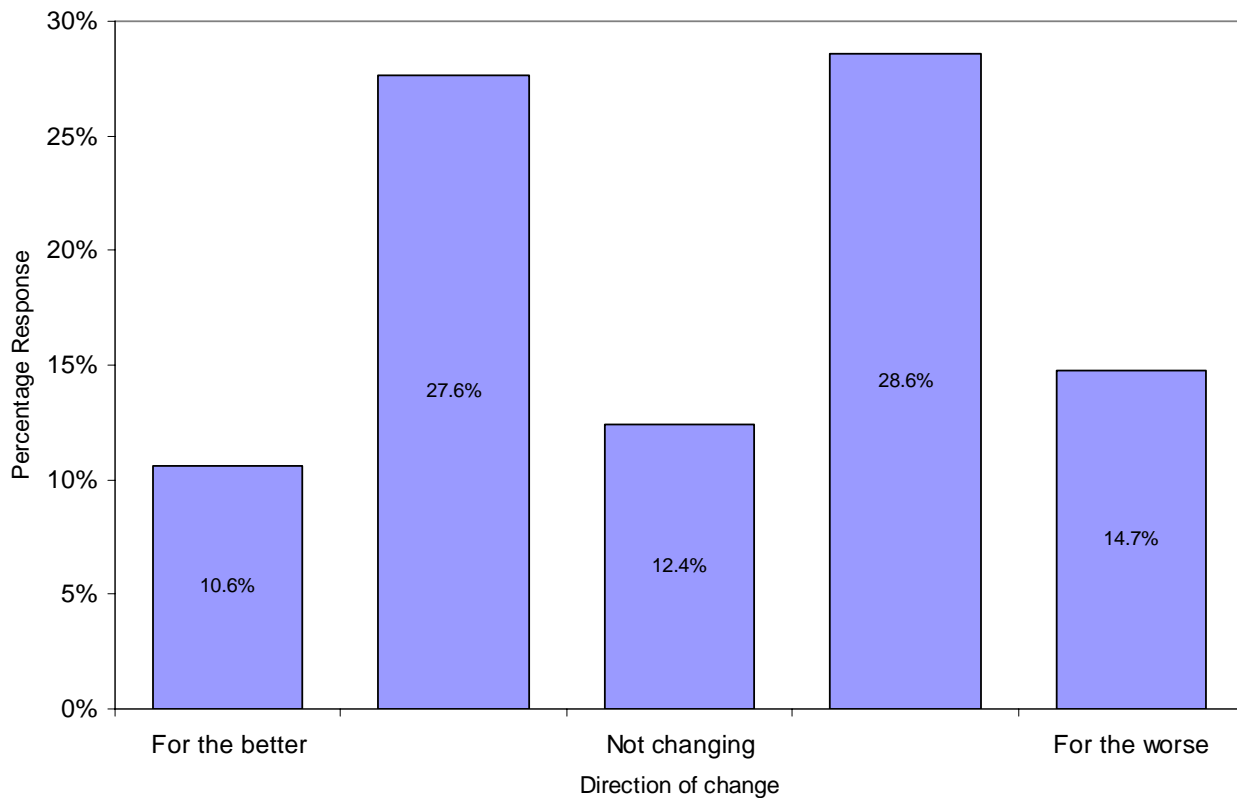
OTHER SUGGESTIONS	# of Responses
Swimming Pool/YMCA	10
Teen Center	8
Use/Improve Existing	4
Bowling Alley	2
Parents Spend more time	1
Ice Skating	1
Work	1
Camp	1
Auto Repair Club	1

\* Some people listed more than one suggestion.

4. Please CIRCLE ONE. How important is it for the value of your property to keep pace with other properties in Tompkins County and surrounding areas?

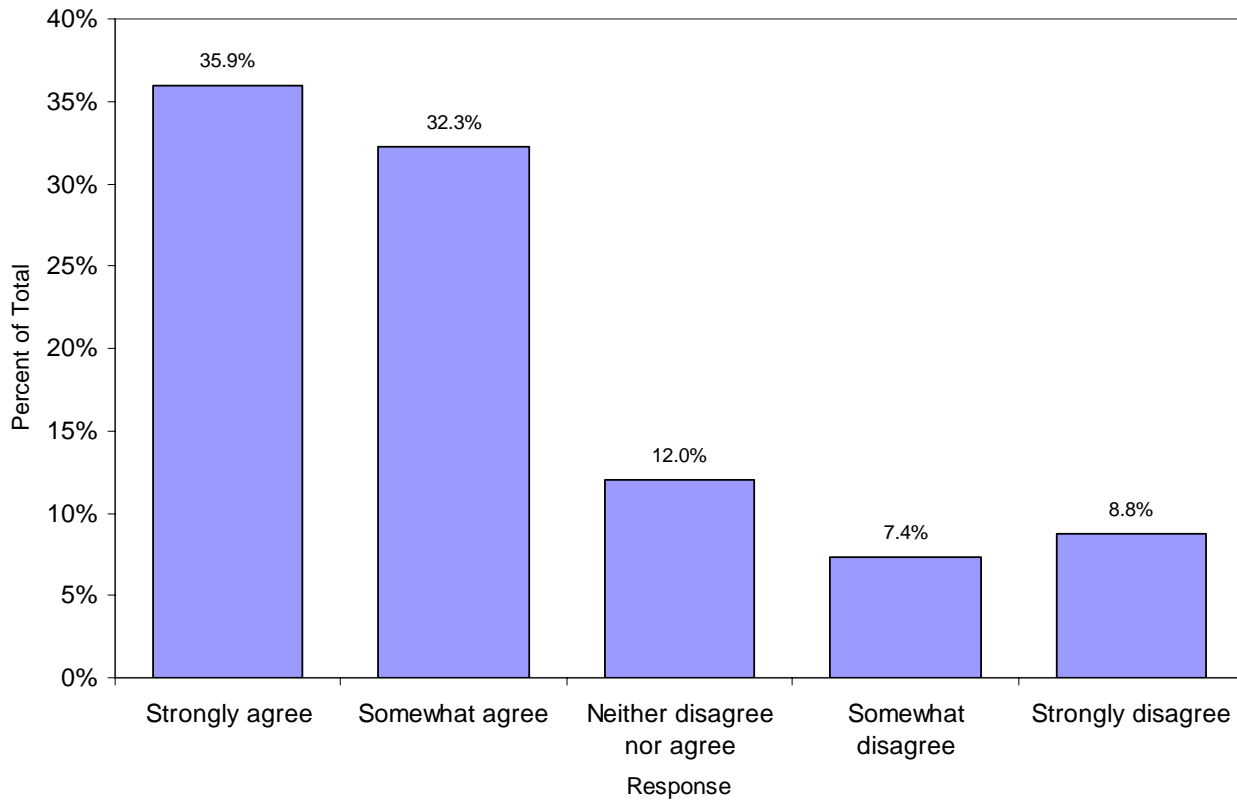


5. On a scale from 1 to 5, do you believe Trumansburg is changing for the better or worse?

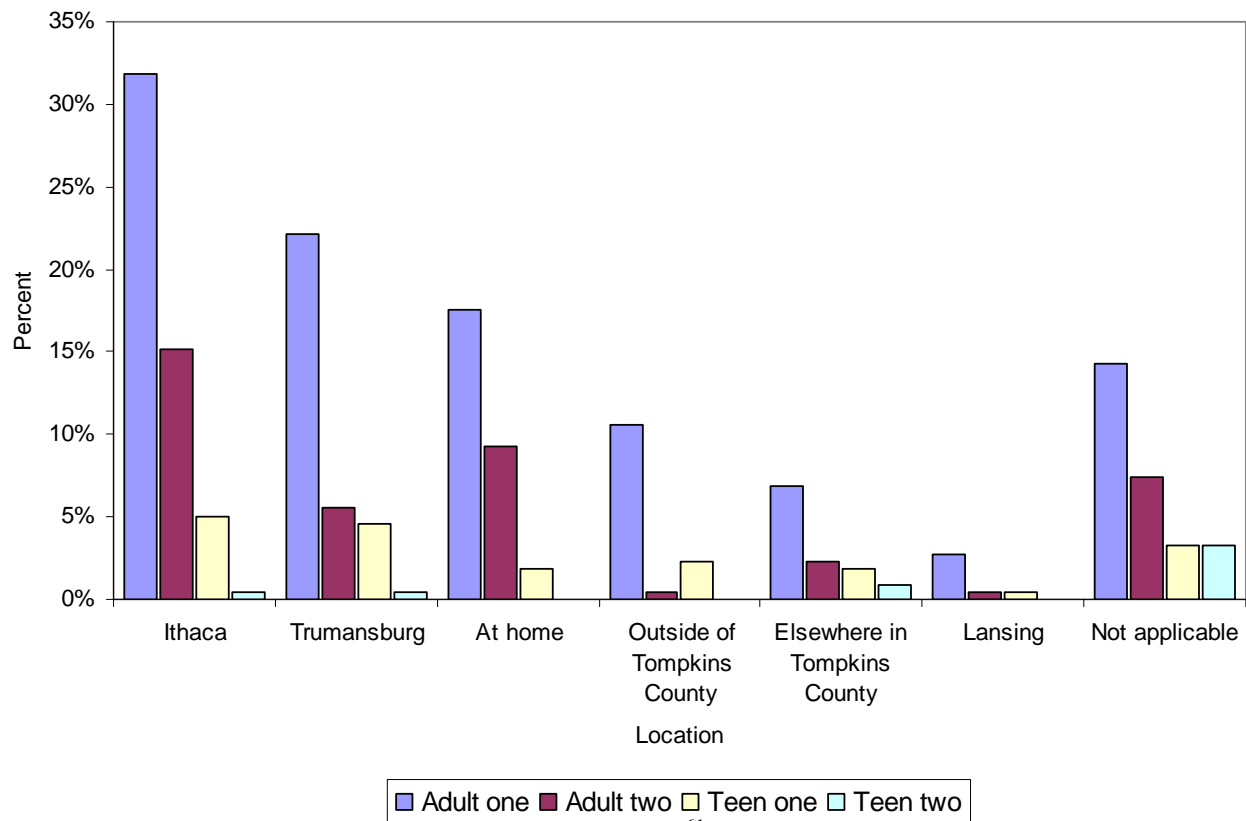


To what extent do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statement.

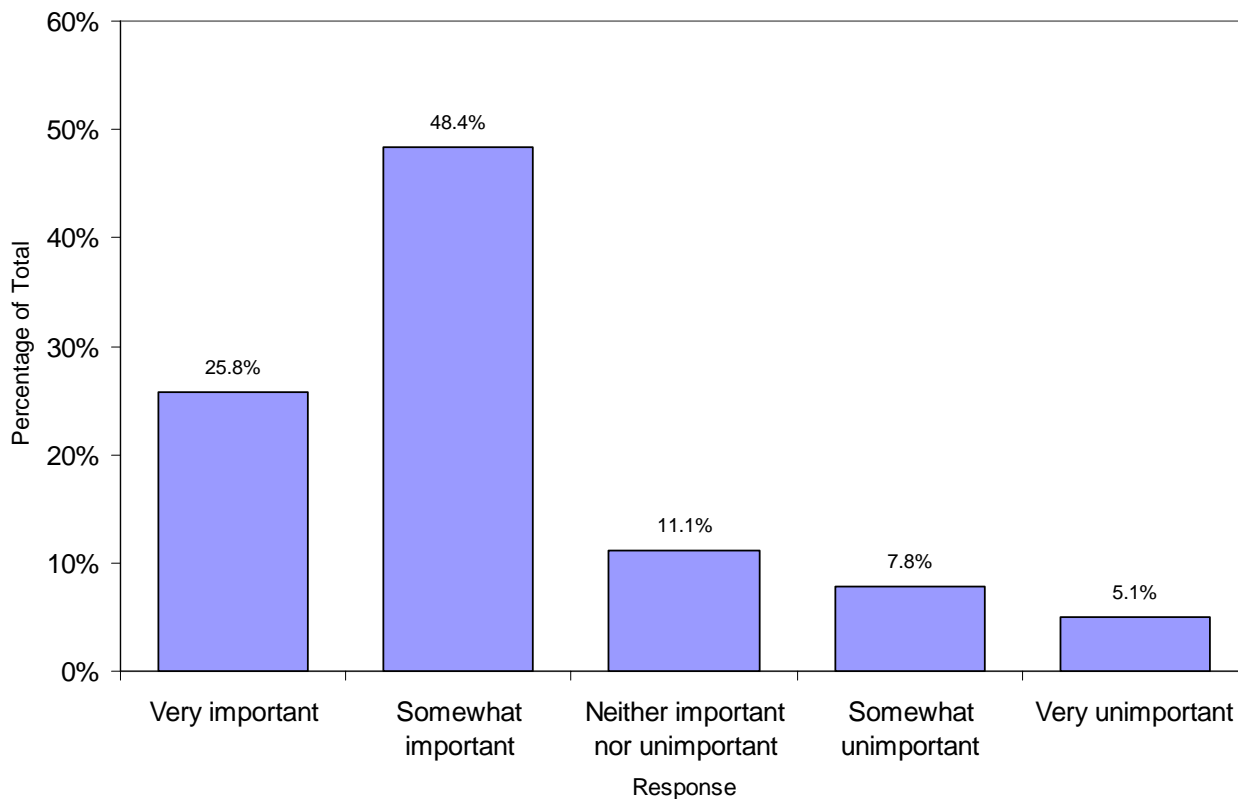
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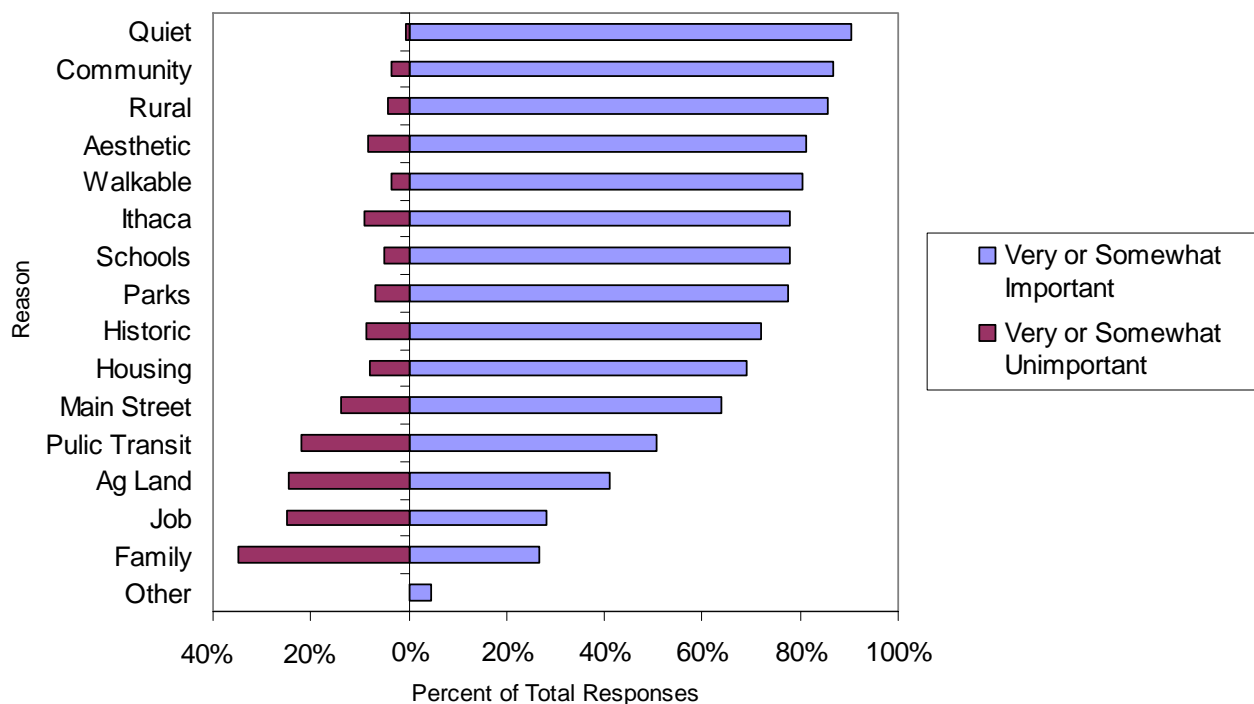
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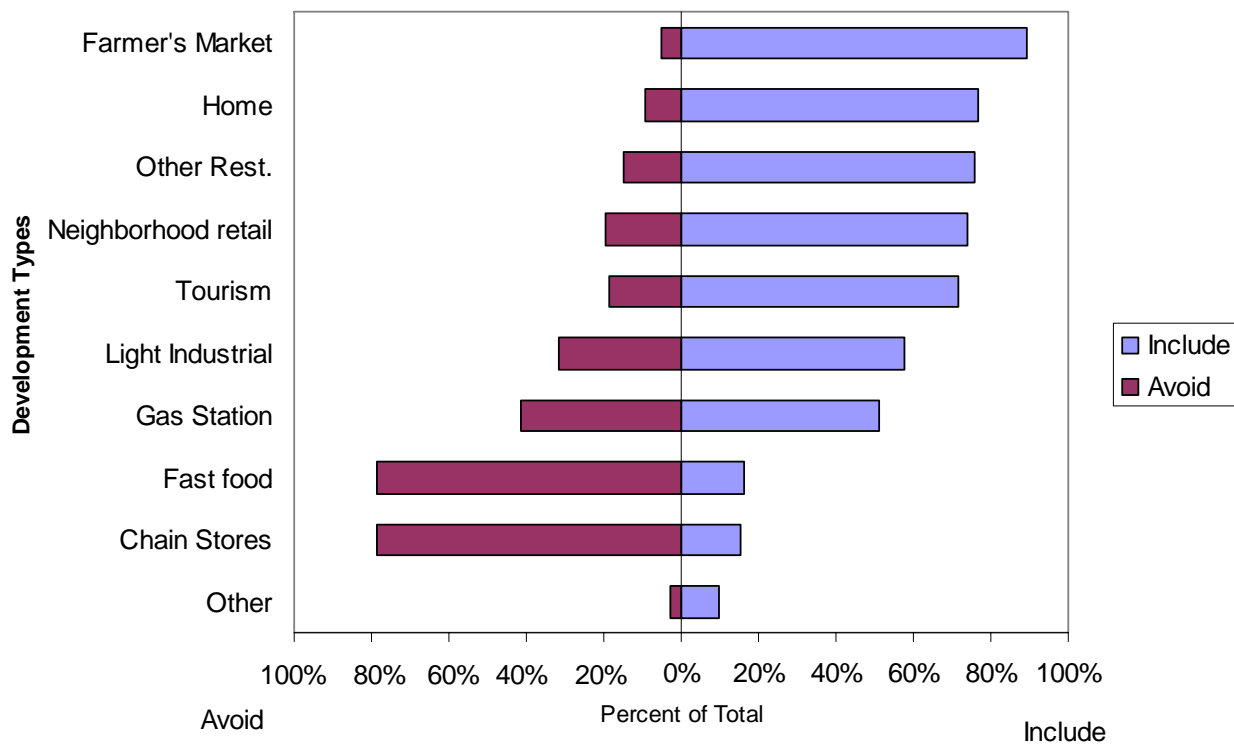
8. How important should the role of tourism be in our local economy?



9. Please rank each of the following reasons why you live in Trumansburg: (1) VERY IMPORTANT, (2) SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT, (3) NEITHER IMPORTANT NOR UNIMPORTANT, (4) SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT, (5) VERY UNIMPORTANT or (6) DON'T KNOW.

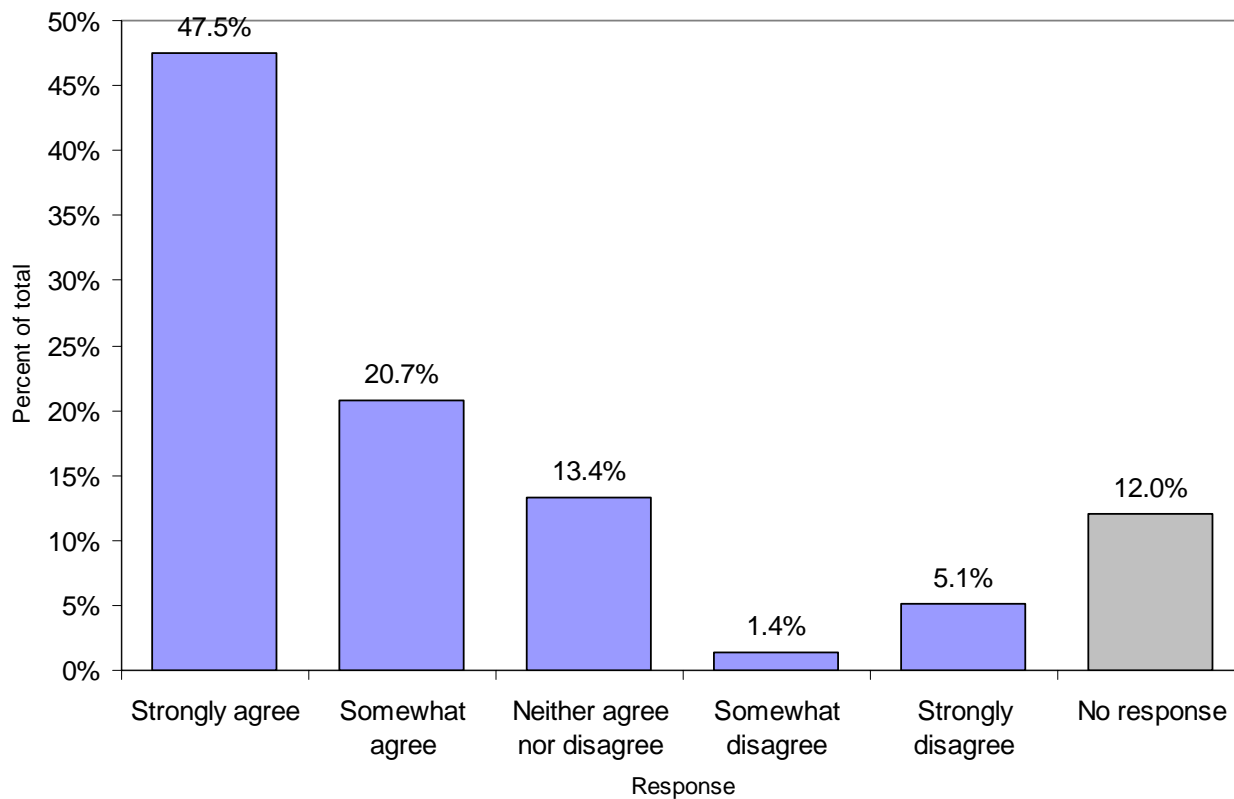


10. What type of commercial development would you like to INCLUDE or AVOID in the Village's future? (Circle INCLUDE or AVOID for each)



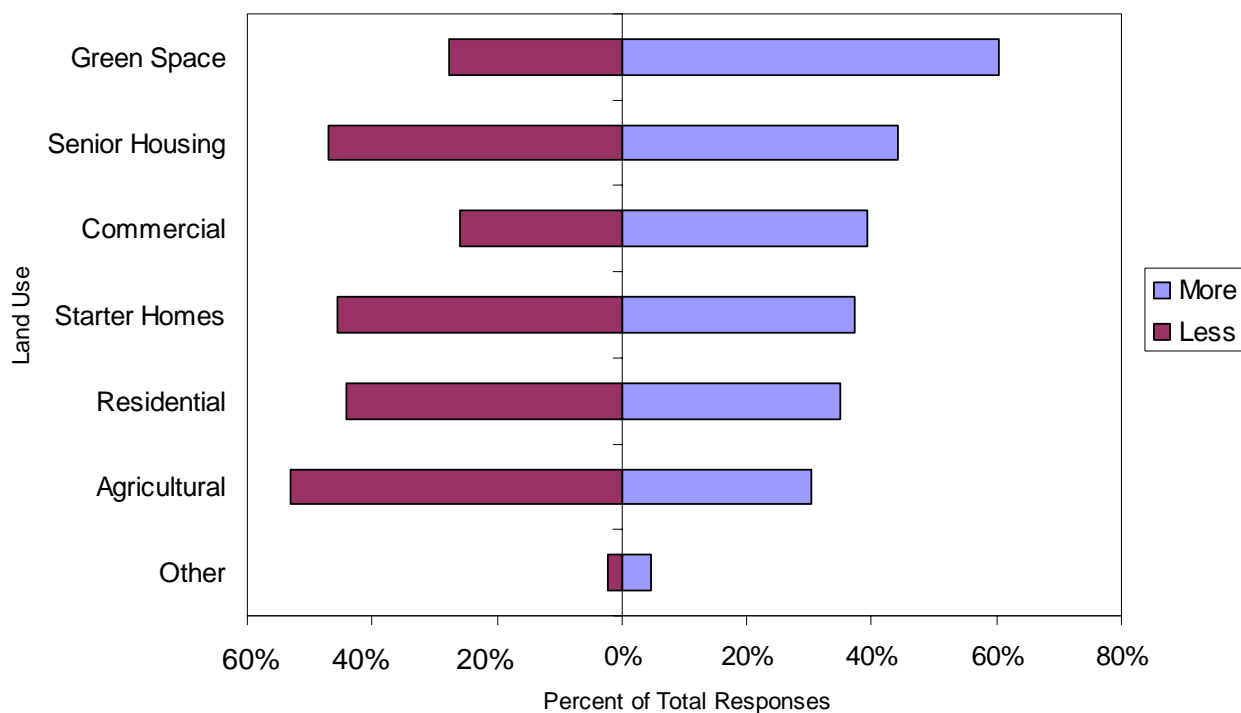
To what extent do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statement. Please CIRCLE ONE response.

11. 'I would like to see the Village pursue renewable municipal energy options.'

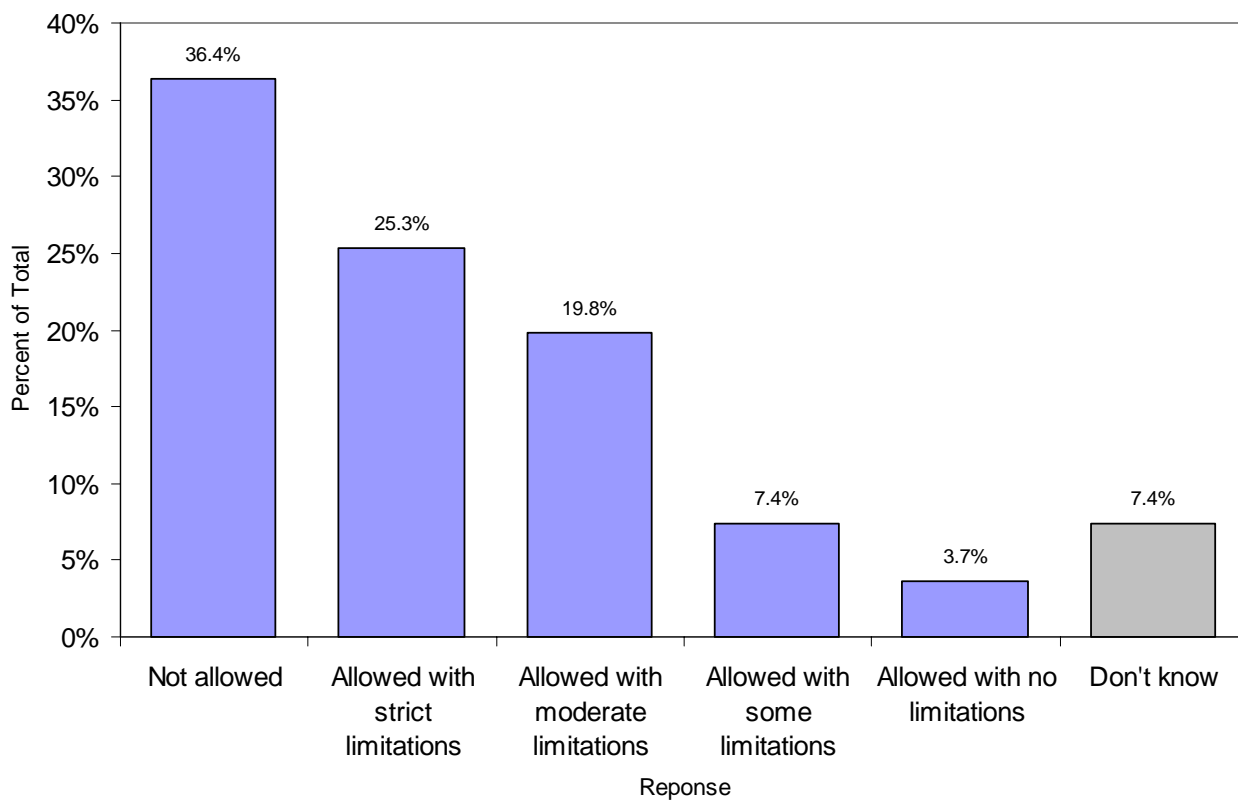




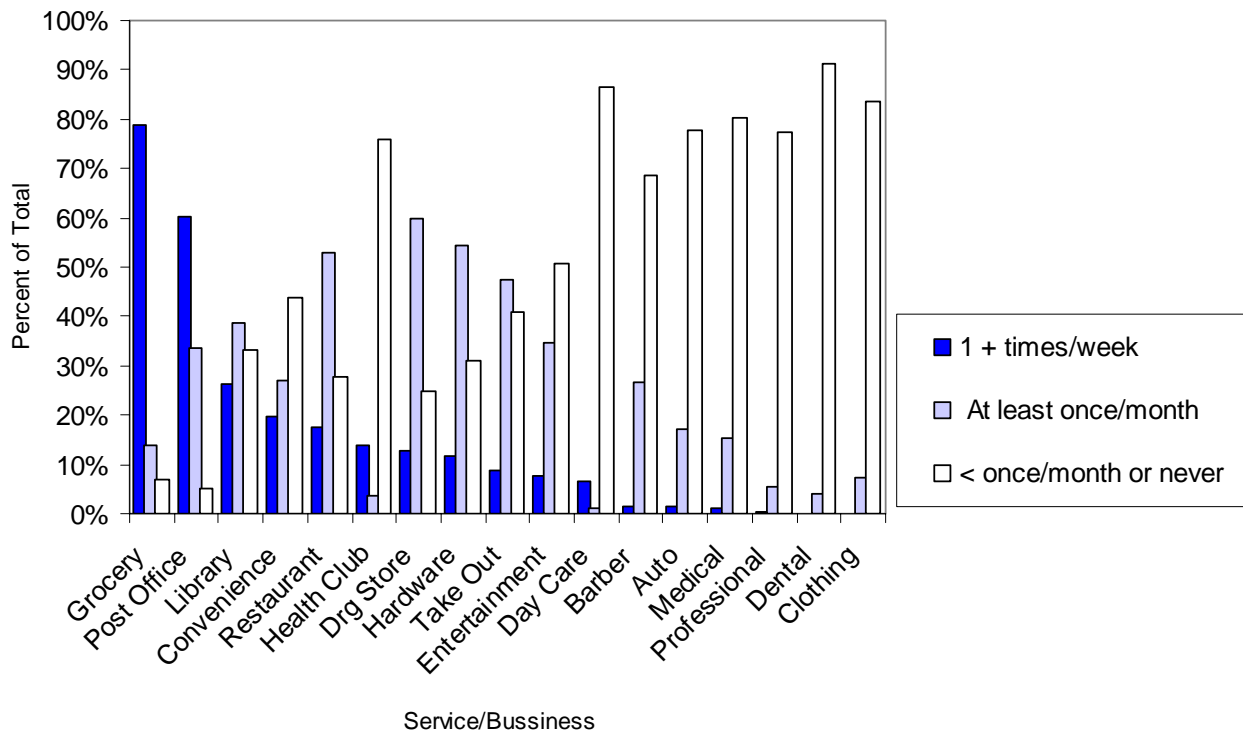
12. Please indicate whether you would like to see MORE, LESS, or NO CHANGE for the following land uses:



13. Should new commercial development be ALLOWED or NOT ALLOWED to extend beyond existing commercial districts (example: neighborhoods next to downtown)?

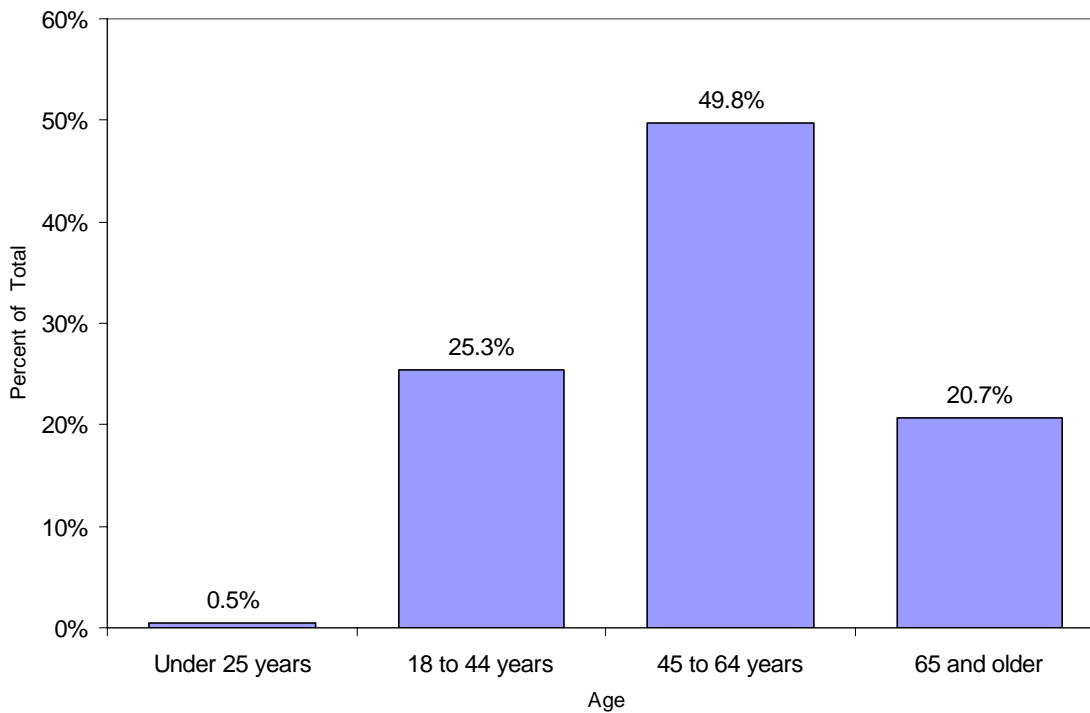


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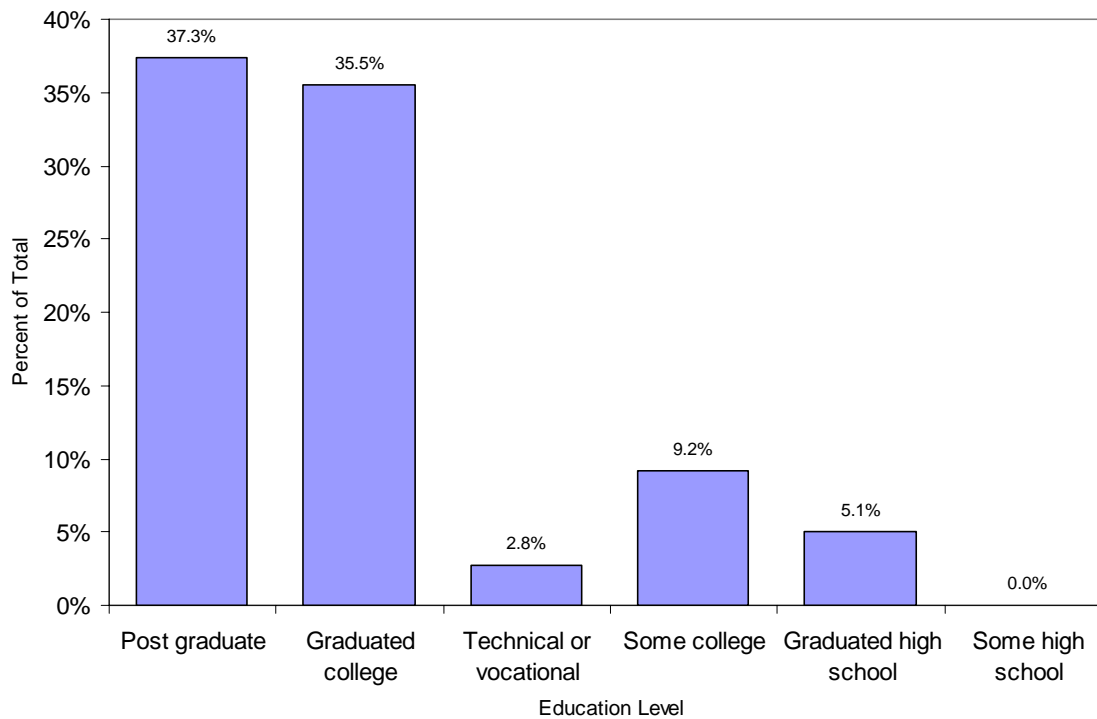


**PLEASE TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF - FEEL FREE TO SKIP ANY QUESTION IN WHICH YOU ARE NOT COMFORTABLE ANSWERING**

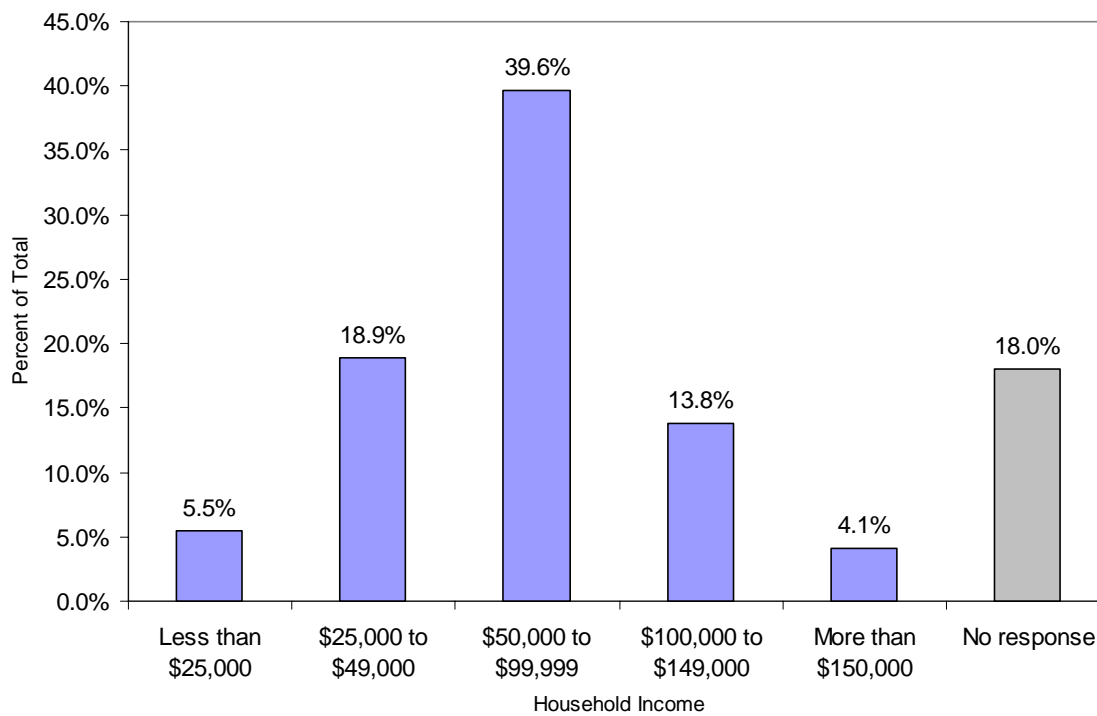
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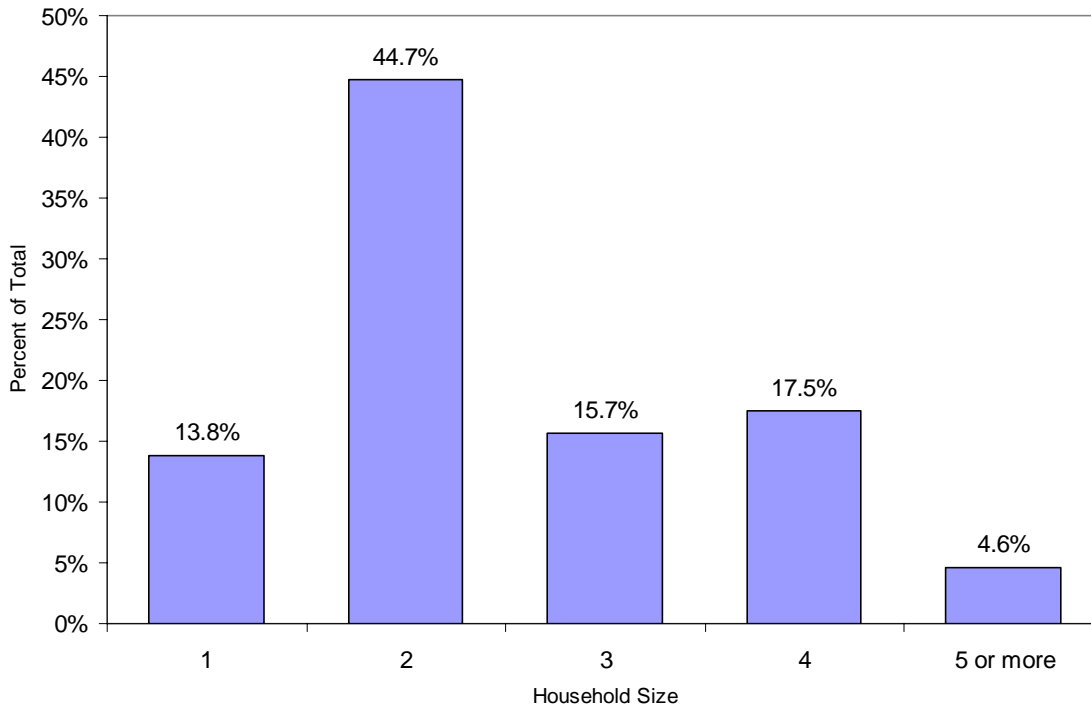
Which best describes your education level?



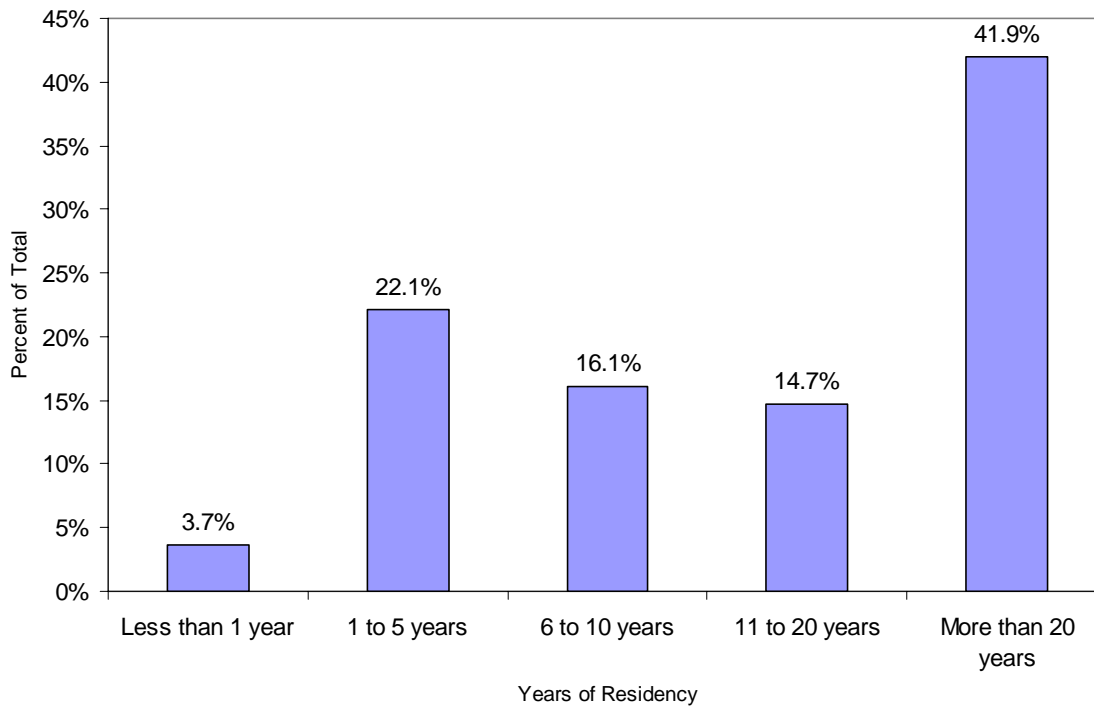
Which best describes your HOUSEHOLD'S annual gross income?



What is your household size?



How long have you lived in the Village?



## APPENDIX B: JANUARY 2007 WORKSHOPS

In January 2007 the public was invited to participate in three Comprehensive Plan workshops.

The first of the discussions occurred on January 16, 2006 during Mary June King's AP Senior Class. The class was invited to participate in a facilitated discussion concerning the future of Trumansburg. After the class students were encouraged to gain feedback from their fellow students in the lunchroom. The discussion provided insight into the thoughts of the younger generation concerning the future of their community.

Two public workshops were held in January: Thursday, January 18, 2007 and Saturday, January 20, 2007. The workshop were well attended with a total of 70 people participating in the discussions. Each workshop began with a discussion of the attributes of Trumansburg that they enjoyed. Participants then broke off into smaller brainstorming groups to discuss what they would like Trumansburg to look like in 20 years. The brainstorming discussions focused around the six elements of the Comprehensive Plan: 1) Environment; 2) Recreation; 3) Community; 4) Housing; 5) Economic Development; and 6) Land Use.

### APPENDIX B INCLUDES:

- Trumansburg High School responses to the Trumansburg Comprehensive Plan discussion from January 16, 2007.
- Notes from the January 2007 Public Workshops on the Trumansburg Comprehensive Plan.

High School Youth responses to Village Comprehensive Plan discussion

Tuesday, 1/16/07

From Mary June King's AP senior class and the lunchroom -compiled by Carissa Mann  
Parlato

Housing:

Paint houses on Main St

Renovate the upstairs of Main St businesses

Regulate multi-unit housing

Economy:

More food options

More clothes stores

Businesses in locations other than Main St

More businesses that aren't large corporations

Less drug, video, dollar stores

Regional Access in Big M location

A comic book store

More locally owned business

Book store

Movie theater

Late night music/food venue for teens

Recreation:

Skate park

Teen hangout

Bowling alley

Skating rink

Organized intramurals

Poetry slam

Community:

More parking

More concerts/performances at the fairgrounds

Green space:

More outdoor space that is legal for teens

Use the fairgrounds, and make it nicer

Trees and flowers on Main St

# **Trumansburg Comprehensive Plan**

## ***Notes from January Public Workshops 2007***

### **Attendance**

About 35 people attended the Thursday meeting, and another 35+ people attended the Saturday meeting.

### **What do you like about Trumansburg?**

*Workshop participants were asked to introduce themselves at the start of the meeting and identify something they particularly like about Trumansburg.*

#### **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

Friendly  
Walkability  
Community Spirit  
Home Town  
Sense of Community  
Good scale  
Library  
The way it is  
School\*  
Potential  
Vibrant community  
Has a center  
Small  
Safety  
Needs can be met  
Variety of people  
Historic  
Homey  
Restaurants  
Places to get together  
Scale of Village  
The People  
Participation  
Family  
Not too much commercial sprawl

#### **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

Rural residential  
Scale of Village  
Sense of community  
Walkability  
Everything  
Love it here  
Small -- willing to try things  
Future planning  
“One stop shopping”  
Don’t have to drive  
“Funky”  
Reminds me of New England  
Keeping business in center  
Good place to hang out  
Improving in a nice way  
Old architecture  
Friendly  
Sense of Place  
Close to Ithaca and national forest  
Sidewalks  
Authenticity  
Family  
Good place for kids  
Configuration: small center and rural politically minded

## 20-Year Vision Brainstorming

*Workshop participants were asked to work in small groups to brainstorm what they would like Trumansburg to be like in 20 years. The discussions were focused around six major elements of the Comprehensive Plan: 1) Environment; 2) Recreation; 3) Community; 4) Housing; 5) Economic Development; and 6) Land Use. The information provided by these groups will be used along with the results of the recent community survey to draft a vision statement for each of these sections. These vision statements will provide the foundation for the Comprehensive Plan.*

### Environment

#### **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

##### ***Green Space***

- Preserving and expanding open space will be necessary to improve recreation
- Environment (green space) is tied to recreation
- Lucky to have green spaces just outside Village
- Use some existing green space for park/recreation (such as softball fields)
- Need to accommodate differing green space activities for youth or older adults
- Need to preserve stream banks
- Need to be concerned with preservation of water quality in streams
- Concerns about storm drainage System
- Move highway garage out of Village

##### ***Renewable Energy***

- Move slowly (study options carefully)
- Need to look for ways to access renewable energy
- Encourage use of renewable in Village (by residents)
- Consider geothermal
- Need to develop energy use inventory in Village, and develop energy use master plan

#### **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

- \*Public spaces – better stewardship.
- Creek areas – protect, public access, greenway, beautify.
- Recycling Center
- Power – ENERGY: Water mills, wind, Village power company
- Wind: Community support + some opposition
- \*Encourage green practices
- \*Better steward of creeksides/sewer
- Education of community
- Village Forest – Maintain, encourage tree planting
- Environmental Focus First -> Recreation activities
- Solar Panels – look into subsidies
- Water Quality
- Stewardship + partnership
- Sewage treatment
- Forests



## Recreation

### **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

- Black Diamond Trail\* - Land Easements?
- \*Cycleways – Federal money available, road markings – cycle awareness signage, safety
- Sidewalks – put money, regular maintenance
  - For all, but especially for seniors
  - Does Village contribute to sidewalk repair? - set aside money (create reserve fund)
- Connect the Village to the park\*
- Maps – places of local interest
- Bike entry/egress onto properties
- Cross country skiing at the school and/or golf course? Is this legal?

### ***Indoor Recreation***

- Bowling? - Seek to bring back
- School System – available for use, adult leagues and adult classes. Needs to be more widely publicized.
- Movie Theater – Arts
- Bookstores

### ***Youth (need funding?)***

- After School – tutoring, enrichment programs. Take advantage of expertise of retired teachers
- Tutor kids at younger level
- Clubs outside of sports
- Extend late bus service
- School Pool?
- Community Pool & Sauna? Charge a fee per member or per use? At Golf Course? Include hot tubs, sauna, steam room
- Skating Rink?
- Skate Park – tennis court-sized asphalt. Modular units – take it to school.
- Library – County cut funding? What to do? Lots of kids go after school. Has literacy programs.
- Trumansburg Conservatory of Fine Arts – Movies?
- Masonic Temple – Recreation center??

### ***Recreation Center – outdoors***

- Soccer fields
- Playground for all ages
- Black Diamond Trail link by Smith Woods
- Community Education Program (existing)
- Summer concert area

### ***20 Years – Main Priorities***

- Publicly Funded
- Better utilization of existing facilities, Masonic Temple
- Swimming Pool
- Encourage a Bowling Alley
- Bicycle Paths

- Hikers' Paths
- Drama & Arts – after school activities

### **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

- Black Diamond Trail – walk (hiking) to Ithaca and bike
- Walkability – extension to town. Continue the process of Walkability Study and Main Street Project Extension
- Improve pedestrian use on the road
- Skiing—at Golf Course
- Road biking – substantial shoulder
- Who is responsible for upkeep of sidewalks?
- North Entrance of Village – walkability
- Horse & Buggy lane?
- Traffic ques – slow, care
- Linked greenways – hiking, skiing, bicycling
- Snowmobiling – in consultation with Town
- Skating – flood school parking lot
- \*No funding of private interests with public money.

### ***Youth***

- Playground at school
- Basketball, tennis, baseball
- Community Pool\* -- teaching swimming, membership fee like YMCA, seek annexation by YMCA
- Pool location – privately owned? Broader appeal. If at school, only for youth? Expense, insurance. Tax incentive for private property? \*Intergenerational

### ***Skate Park***

- making space.
- How to incorporate non-conventional sports?
- Privately raised funds.
- Not mixed use.
- Balance/Green Space. Integration with the existing green space.
- Multi use.
- Greater community involvement.
- Long term?
- Issue will stay.
- Concrete? Portable? Size, scale? Parking? Comprehensive view? Horseshoes, bocci, multi use.

### ***Youth Facilities on School Property***

Already have insurance, parking, facilities. Skatepark? Pool?

### ***Recreation Facility***

- with pool, skatepark, etc.
- Multi-seasonal, linked accessible, land, walkable.
- \*Intergenerational- family inclusive.
- \*Program building – widely use.

- Sustainability of the actual facility
- Coordination with the school +facility+partnerships.
- Cost and burden SHARED.

### ***Other After School Activities***

Trumansburg Conservatory of Fine Arts – classes, after school, pottery, drawing

### ***\*Outdoor Recreation –***

- programming to the LAKE, nature, fishing
- Signage to other green space

## **Community**

### **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

- No more box buildings, e.g. video, family \$
- Main Street Project is great
- Need guidelines (not too restrictive) in keeping with buildings?, historic integrity, maintain facades
- Need architecture at Village entrances that sets tone for Village
- Parking lots behind buildings
- Historic Preservation – beautiful architectural diversity – keep it!
- Tourist information structure or sign
- New building should be in keeping with historic
- Consistent signage on Main Street facades

### ***Walkability***

- sense of safety and security
- Sidewalks not necessary, okay to walk in street
- Street trees are important, mature/dying trees need to be taken down
- Variety of styles in neighborhoods, no trailers

### **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

- Consistency in building construction
- Respect historic tradition (architectural elements -- while reflecting contemporary aesthetics)
- Establish design guidelines (Re Main St. Project)
- Colonial “Welcome to T-Burg” with restrooms; must be maintained
- Site plan review that works (e.g., Prospect St. buildings on protected wetlands)
- Preservation of significant historic structures (e.g., Conservatory)
- No further development of cookie cutter/carbon copy houses
- Restoration of damaged buildings that’s in keeping with original structure (Bad example: laundrymat. Good example: library)
- Off street parking tucked behind building (library)
- Historically sensitive signage that welcomes visitors
- Passed guidelines must be enforced.
- Plant replacement trees.
- If and when bridge is replaced, would like village input regarding design.

- Location/building placement consistent with village.
- Free service for homeowner to improve property.
- Tax exemption as incentive to improve property.

## **Economic Development**

### **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

- Encourage location of employers
- Historic Value as asset
- \*\*Encourage local smaller businesses
- High value-added, low impact on environment
- \*Artists/craftspeople
- Internet-based
- Tourism
- Beautification/Aesthetics (current) – measure results
- \*Political unity of purpose
- \*Help home-based businesses have storefront on Main Street.
- Identify things that will make people want to come to Trumansburg
- Zoning/site plan to encourage the kinds of things we want.
- “Ulysses Bounty”/Youth community Center
- Maintain views/rural sense
- Keep affordable
- Maintain political independence
- Address poverty situation by providing employment opportunities
- Greater variety of stores
- Identify vision
- Maximize what’s here
- Wineries

### **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

- Economics – TCSD – 40% low income family
- Zoning – Strengthen (no Dollar Stores)
- Annexation of Eastern corridor
- Tourism – destination experience
- Awareness – Educate about processes for planning and government
- Identify development parcels
- Water – coordinate with Town and County
- Recruit business strategically
- SOLE – “Support Our Local Economy”
- Who? TCAD, Local and County Chamber of Commerce
- Support unique aspect of community: creative/artists, tourism, don’t just be generic
- Land Use – High density and smart growth
- Take into account school districts – there is room to grow
- Code issues for upstairs space

- Donut Hole – Village, Ulysses, Tompkins in circular layers
- Economics – 40% free lunch in Village/Town at Trumansburg Central School District
- Zoning – how to encourage – Review to eliminate dollar stores
- Annexation – boundaries
- SOLE – Personal touch
- Tourism – B&B, heritage & history, dinners, destination experience, wine trails, Taughannock Falls, trade shows with T Falls, (Tompkins County Travel Guide) (Trumansburg Packages.com)
- Awareness – educate public about process
- Recruit business strategically: Kind, area, TC Area Development conversation, intro to business & services, workshops, more awareness. [TCAD, local and county Chamber, municipal bodies, zoning and planning boards]
- Identify parcels – chamber & village car park
- land west of ShurSave & Kinney's
- Land to North of Village
- Prospect to King/ Cayuga to Seneca
- Water District

## Housing

### **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

- Affordable housing
- More new homes within existing neighborhoods (infill) – i.e. demolition of dilapidated homes and replacement (cost of renovation is more than new construction)
- Housing density – needs to be reviewed – zoning code updated – mixed within neighborhoods
- Annexation – possibility to grow Trumansburg's housing stock
- Special needs children on rise in community - require different housing options
- Need more density options
- Maintenance of existing housing stock needs to be a focus in future
- Sidewalks to be a requirement with any new home including infill
- Zoning to allow for today's standards and demands, i.e. setbacks, existing housing stock to renovate and add on – garages, home-based businesses, and guest cottages/in-law suites
- Size inventory of housing would help us to better understand the existing housing stock and plan for the future.

### **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

- Need density for efficient transportation and other service
- SKETCH with density of third and fourth floor housing
- Sidewalks for family housing
- Designate future street alignments through back lot areas
- Revolving infrastructure fund
  - Affordable housing for young people – apartments on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, especially along Main Street.

## Land Use

### **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

- Commercial use/retail
- High-density sections properly designed with greenspace
- Mixed use on 96/compatible
- Inactive agriculture land – how will it be developed?
- Properly identify zoned areas (scrub field) so we can use them properly.
- Mix of size for new housing development – affordable housing mixed in
- Town and Village zoning/planning should be coordinated, particularly at Village edge

### **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

- Mixed Use
- New businesses keep within character of neighborhood
- Coordinating Comp Plan and Zoning Planning
- Keep updating signage
- Inactive agriculture and properly designated land use areas
- High density zoning for more affordable housing

## APPENDIX C: 2007 VISION STATEMENTS AND STRATEGIES COMMUNITY REVIEW

After the overwhelming response to the 2006 Community Survey for the Village of Trumansburg Comprehensive Plan, the community was, once again, asked to provide the Comprehensive Plan Committee with feedback and suggestions.

After collecting results from the Comprehensive Plan Survey, compiling community suggestions at two public workshops, and researching plans for comparable communities within New York State, the Comprehensive Plan Committee put together Vision Statements and Strategies for the next twenty years. These Vision Statements and Strategies were the next steps in the process of developing the Comprehensive Plan. Members of the community were asked to read the Vision Statements and Strategies and provide the Comprehensive Plan Committee with their comments, suggestions and additional strategies that they would like to see incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan. The Vision Statements and Strategies were sent to each household in Trumansburg in August 2007. Thirty-two people responded with their comments and suggestions.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee reviewed all the comments provided through the surveys. These comments were instrumental in shaping and defining the Vision Statements and Strategies which then were incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan.

### APPENDIX B INCLUDES:

- Cover Letter for the Vision Statements and Strategies Community Review.
- The Vision Statements and Strategies.
- The detailed comments of the Vision Statements and Strategies provided by members of the community.

## 2007 VISION STATEMENTS AND STRATEGIES COMMUNITY REVIEW

August 2007

Dear Village Resident,

After the overwhelming response to last summer's survey for the Village of Trumansburg Comprehensive Plan, your suggestions are needed once again. We need ten more minutes of your time....

After collecting results from the Comprehensive Plan Survey, compiling community suggestions at two public workshops, and researching plans for comparable communities within New York State, we have put together Vision Statements and Strategies for the next twenty years. These Vision Statements and Strategies are the next steps in the process of developing the Comprehensive Plan. Once again, your input is a critical part of creating a strong Comprehensive Plan, which will guide the future for the village of Trumansburg.

We, the members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, are writing to ask you and members of your household to read the Vision Statements and Strategies and provide us with your comments, suggestions and additional strategies that you would like to see incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan. If more than one person in your household would like to provide comments, feel free to photocopy the enclosed Vision Statement and Strategies, download it from the web site ([www.trumansburg-ny.gov](http://www.trumansburg-ny.gov)) or pick up extra copies at the Village Hall.

This is your opportunity to guide the Comprehensive Plan. You are invited to be a part of the public process.

Please submit your comments by **Monday, August 20, 2007**. Drop boxes will be located at Trumansburg ShurSave, Trumansburg Save-a-lot, Trumansburg Tompkins Trust Company, Ulysses Philomathic Library or Trumansburg Village Hall. You are also welcome to email your comments to [clerk@trumansburg-ny.gov](mailto:clerk@trumansburg-ny.gov).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

2007 Comprehensive Plan Committee Members: Nancy Bonn, Bill Connor, Deirdre Cunningham, Don Ellis, David Filiberto, Don Schlather, Christopher Thomas and Dorothy Vanderbilt



## COMMUNITY

### **20-Year Vision:**

In 2027, Trumansburg is a community that values safety, economic and cultural diversity, and local cultural history – residents actively plan to protect the Village’s rural and friendly nature. Visitors feel a sense of community pride because of the welcoming entrances, and the well-maintained walkways and tree-lined streets. As a quiet, rural upstate New York village, with an accessible and attractive commercial center, Trumansburg is a place where people of all ages can freely engage in community life.

Design guidelines exist for all new construction, building renovations and commercial signage in order to maintain the downtown’s historic integrity while allowing a degree of owner creativity. Strategically placed interpretive markers on Main Street and occasional historic houses and cemetery tours help provide the historical context for present day Trumansburg. The school system is a strong Village asset providing a positive educational experience and a community connection for families. The schools also provide educational opportunities that prepare graduates for the modern workplace, further education and an active life within the local community.

Working towards this vision, our community goals are to:

1. Maintain a safe community that is welcoming to people of all cultures, ages, and walks of life.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Establish a committee to raise funds to maintain sidewalks and ensure sidewalks exist on at least one side of the street throughout neighborhoods.
- Coordinate with Trumansburg Walkability Study to determine where there are gaps in sidewalk connections.
- Establish design standards that incorporate front porches or similar aspect that encourages people to be involved in the public realm.

Comments:

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2. Maintain a quiet, rural village with an accessible, attractive, and historic downtown.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Establish architectural guidelines that encourage new construction to keep in context with design standards.
- Work with local officials to enforce established noise ordinance.
- Provide good signage to show available parking within the village.
- Form a non-profit, such as a land trust, to protect farmland.
- Work with the Town to provide favorable support to maintain the rural property of the area.

Comments:

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3. Establish welcoming entrances, well-maintained walkways, and tree-lines streets throughout the village.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Install new signs and landscaping at entrances to the village on Route 96 and 227.
- Incorporate landscape and sidewalk requirements into new construction subdivision regulations.
- Adopt tree conservation and sidewalk maintenance ordinances.

- Reconvene the Street Tree Commission to organize a tree planning and maintenance program.
- Ensure that neighborhood infrastructure is consistently maintained.

Comments:

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4. Maintain and promote the historic integrity of the village.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Establish design guidelines that incorporate historic elements in keeping with village character.
- Install interpretive markers that provide information about village history.
- Engage historic society to develop village tours.

Comments:

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5. Provide excellent education opportunities that prepare students for jobs, higher education, and community engagement.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Establish a non-profit to work with schools to establish a shadowing program with high school students and local colleges.
- Establish a non-profit to work with school officials to incorporate community service as a component of their curriculum.
- Collaborate with schools to involve families on mutual projects to benefit the larger community.

Comments:

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## HOUSING

### *20-Year Vision*

In 2027, housing in Trumansburg includes a variety of architectural styles and a range of affordable options. An integrated network of streets and sidewalks safely connect the commercial core with adjacent residential neighborhoods. Safe and accessible downtown housing, available on the upper floors of street-level retail and service businesses, encourages a vibrant, active community experience.

Residential guidelines stabilize the neighborhoods through a shared understanding of features and practices that give Trumansburg its special character. New house construction, when integrated within older residential neighborhoods, incorporates historically sensitive design elements. Zoning ordinance assures that new house construction provides off-street parking with safe sidewalks and streets that ensure safe vehicular traffic. Multi-unit senior housing is located close to downtown amenities and provides an affordable option for retirees. A variety of housing densities and types offer diverse housing options while allowing for efficient installation of infrastructure and roads.

Working towards this vision, our housing goals are to:

1. Maintain a variety of architectural styles, housing densities, and affordable housing options.

Potential Five-Year Strategies

- Revise zoning ordinance to incorporate greater variety in housing density and types, including permitting accessory apartments.
- Incorporate an affordable housing density bonus into the village zoning ordinance.
- Work with Better Housing for Tompkins County to implement a home repair program.
- Establish programs to encourage green-building design.

Comments:

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2. Establish streets and sidewalks that provide a safe connection between downtown and adjacent residential neighborhoods.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Utilize the Trumansburg Walkability Study to determine what areas of walkability need to be addressed.
- Install streetlights along key streets.
- Incorporate the concept of “complete streets” which integrate the needs of all modes of travel, including walking, biking, transit and automobiles.

Comments:

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3. Promote new housing construction that is in harmony with existing neighborhoods, incorporates historically sensitive design elements, provides off-street parking and sidewalks, and allows for efficient installation of infrastructure and roads.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Incorporate design guidelines, off-street parking, sidewalk and infrastructure requirements into site plan review, zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations for residential development.

Comments:

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4. Create safe and accessible housing on the upper floors of downtown commercial buildings.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Hire consultants to work with private property owners.

Comments:

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5. Establish multi-unit housing that provides adequate green space and accommodates additional vehicular traffic.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Ensure there is accessibility to green space in multi-unit housing.
- Establish subdivision/site plan regulations.

Comments:

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6. Establish affordable housing for seniors in close proximity to downtown amenities.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Establish senior housing density bonuses.
- Revise zoning ordinance to allow elder cottages on existing residential lots.

Comments:

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### *20-Year Vision*

In 2027, Trumansburg has a thriving downtown with a variety of locally owned businesses. Shops and services meet the daily needs of residents from the village and surrounding locales – Trumansburg is the commercial and social center of adjacent rural communities. By supporting a diversity of locally owned and operated businesses, resident and visitor dollars strengthen the Village’s economic stability.

Marketing and public relations strategies are in place to identify and attract traditional and non-traditional economic development clientele. The school system, a primary reason why many people and businesses locate here, provides educational training and employment opportunities to retain youth as employees and entrepreneurs. Numerous home-based micro-enterprises have the capability for continual employment opportunities. Collaborative efforts between the Village and Town of Ulysses have created good jobs in technology and other light industries, as well as agricultural initiatives that support the Trumansburg Farmers Market. Bed and Breakfasts, as the primary lodging option for visitors, preserve older homes that enhance the Village’s historic character. Recognizing that tourism is a top growth industry that will continue to flourish, Trumansburg has found the balance between accommodating increasing numbers of visitors and maintain a rural, peaceful atmosphere.

Working towards this vision, our economic development goals are to:

1. Create a thriving downtown with a multitude of diverse, locally owned businesses that meet the daily needs of residents from the village and surrounding areas.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Establish a Village Small Business Incentive Program that encourages residents to open their own business.
- Develop a “Shop Local” Campaign that includes a directory of village services and businesses.
- Conduct an analysis of parking needs and identify potential gaps.

Comments:

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2. Encourage the establishment of numerous home-based micro-enterprises that provide diverse employment opportunities for village residents.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Create a database that provides up-to-date information on the available commercial and retail space in downtown buildings.
- Review current zoning ordinance and modify, as necessary, to include clearly defined types of home-based businesses and the accompanying permissive regulations for these businesses; maintain strict limits to surrounding residential impact.

Comments:

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3. Maintain and establish commercial buildings that reflect the rural and historic character of the village.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Create a Trumansburg Historic District.
- Revise site plan review to incorporate layout and design of buildings.
- Revise zoning ordinance so it better reflects and perpetuates the character and style of traditional commercial buildings in the village.

Comments:

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4. Enhance cultural resources, education opportunities, historic amenities, and marketing strategies that attract businesses and their employees.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Work with the Chamber of Commerce and/or local non-profit organization to operate business incubators.

Comments:

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5. Collaborate with the Town of Ulysses to support local agriculture and promote the Trumansburg Farmers Market.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Work with Town of Ulysses, and potentially neighboring communities in Seneca County, to promote the Trumansburg Farmers Market with local producers and merchants.
- Improve signage and advertising for the Trumansburg Farmers Market.
- Develop a “Buy Local Produce” Campaign.
- Establish a committee to explore the feasibility of a Trumansburg Harvest Festival.

Comments:

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6. Establish tourist amenities that promote and protect the historic character of Trumansburg.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Identify key tourist amenities and create a tourism brochure.
- Coordinate with the Tompkins County Convention and Visitors Bureau to assist in identifying ways that Trumansburg and its tourism attractions and services can be incorporated in related promotions.
- Coordinate with Countywide efforts to produce and maintain a visitor information kiosk to be located on Main Street, or other suitable, visible location.
- Work with Cayuga Wine Trail, the Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway and the Taughannock Falls State Park in cross-promotions, with Trumansburg establishments serving as viable dining and lodging options.
- Develop a walking tour of buildings in Trumansburg listed on the National Register of Historic Places along with other buildings of historical significance.
- Produce a walking loop brochure.

Comments:

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7. Accommodate an increasing number of visitors while maintaining a rural peaceful atmosphere.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Provide a central parking area that is easily accessible to the downtown and tourist attractions.
- Create a central website for visitors interested in lodging in Trumansburg.
- Establish a volunteer committee to identify and promote the unique niche Trumansburg can fill in the regional tourism picture.

Comments:

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## ENVIRONMENT

### *20-Year Vision*

In 2027, Trumansburg preserves green space for the public and remains a good steward of all public spaces. The Village and the Town of Ulysses work together to protect the water quality of existing wetlands and creeks, and to promote natural resources such as Taughannock Falls and Cayuga Lake as unique assets within the area. Trumansburg pursues several environmentally sound initiatives that access renewable resources such as wind, geothermal and solar energy. An energy use inventory was developed and is now the basis for an energy use master plan for the Village. The community encourages resource conservation through recycling initiatives that promote self-sustainable 'green practices'.

Working toward this vision, our **environmental goals** are to:

1. Create and maintain open space to balance land preservation and public use.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Identify specific sites that can be set aside for presentation as green space.
- Establish zoning for development with green space; conservation easements; incorporate cluster zoning.

Comments:

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2. Collaborate with the Town of Ulysses to protect water quality and promote conservation and appreciation of unique natural assets within the area.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Establish a joint task force that includes Village and Town board members and residents to address water quality and unique natural assets.
- Establish 100' setbacks from streams in zoning ordinance.
- Establish a local wetlands protection ordinance.
- Establish a Critical Environmental Area with the identified Unique Natural Area.

Comments:

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3. Promote village-wide resource conservation.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Establish an energy use inventory for the Village.
- Establish a recycling initiative.
- Contract with an agency or company to conduct an energy audit for the Village.
- Evaluate energy efficiency programs offered by NYSERDA (New York State Energy, Research and Development Authority).

Comments:

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4. Pursue alternative renewable sources of energy.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Explore potential renewable energy sources such as wind or geothermal energy.
- Educate community on energy-saving practices.
- Work with Public Works Department to purchase renewable energy credits for use in Village offices and buildings.
- Adopt a “Green Fleet” Vehicle Policy for Village owned vehicles.

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**RECREATION**

***20-Year Vision***

In 2027, Trumansburg recognizes that recreational activities are important to the economic, environmental and social health of its community. The Village has an established physical connection to the Black Diamond Trail for extended hiking and biking opportunities. Indoor and outdoor recreational activities such as swimming, skate boarding, basketball and tennis are available for all generations of residents. There is a multi-purpose community center available for residents of all ages.

Working toward this vision, our recreation goals are to:

1. Create a trail or pedestrian way that connects the Village of Trumansburg to the Black Diamond Trail.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Work with State Parks to acquire property and/or trail easements for the future trail connections.
- Contract a Recreational Planning Service to facilitate trail connection opportunities.

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2. Establish indoor and outdoor recreational facilities that provide activities such as swimming, skate boarding, basketball and tennis.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Pursue private funding sources for recreational facilities, including grants and local fundraisers.
- Publicize the availability of adult leagues and adult classes offered at the schools by the Trumansburg Community Education Programs.
- Establish greenways that connect the commercial, residential and natural features of the community.

- Look at the possibility of a community swimming pool, including options to share pool facility with schools.

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3. Establish multi-purpose community center.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Explore various sites that are suitable for community recreational purposes.

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## LAND USE

### *20-Year Vision*

In 2027, Trumansburg has zoned tracts of land identified for commercial and residential development. Additional acreage, protected as agriculture, wetlands, green space and recreation areas, preserve contiguous physical and visual connections to the surrounding rural landscape. All new building construction along the Main Street corridor has ample parking behind their structures (where permissible) so that building setbacks are consistent with existing historic buildings and street parking is more accessible. Residential zones of varying densities offer a range of housing options that are affordable for low to middle income households.

Through the cooperative planning efforts of residents and business owners, the village, as a self-sustaining, creative and friendly community, is protected from unwanted, unnecessary development. Established zoning regulations, which provide sufficient infrastructure, enable locally owned small businesses to thrive while embracing Trumansburg's upstate New York rural character.

Working towards this vision, our land use goals are to:

1. Protect farmland, wetlands and green-space that provide contiguous physical and visual connections to the surrounding rural landscape without imposing economic hardships on landowners.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Work with agricultural landowners in the Village to support agricultural operations.

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2. Promote new construction along Main Street with setbacks that are consistent with existing historic buildings and ample parking located preferably behind the structure.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Incorporate minimum and maximum set back requirements in zoning regulations for Main Street commercial districts.
- Create a Design Guideline Manual for the purpose of informing the Planning Board.
- Incorporate parking regulations into zoning and/or site plan review ordinances.
- Establish in the zoning ordinance a minimum height for buildings of 2 stories; maximum height of 3 stories.
- Incorporate design review into the site plan review process.

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3. Establish residential neighborhoods of varying densities that offer a range of affordable housing options.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Revise zoning ordinance to provide diversity in required lot size.
- Educate the community on affordable housing options.
- Identify areas of the Village where high-density housing could be established including additional Village streets.

Comments:

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4. Protect the village from development that might undermine its rural character or the vitality of locally owned businesses.

Potential Five-Year Strategies:

- Establish maximum building sizes for commercial development.
- Establish site plan guidelines that incorporate traditional village architectural elements.

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Community		Detailed Comments
General Comments:		
		(Design guidelines exist) Really - where (modern workplace, further education and an active life within the community) How is this done?
		<i>Establish a committee to raise funds to maintain sidewalks and ensure sidewalks exist on at least one side of the street throughout neighborhoods.</i>
1a		(ensure sidewalks exist on at least one side of the street throughout neighborhoods) No.
		Very necessary for safety.
		Could there be a plan and have a sidewalk between the fairgrounds and the Shursave/Kinney Drug Store?? There are <u>so</u> often people walking in that stretch.
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1b		<i>Coordinate with Trumansburg Walkability Study to determine where there are gaps in sidewalk connections.</i>
		"Fixing" sidewalks in spots on streets like Cayuga would not cost too much and would be a good item to be part of each year's Village budget.
		(Trumansburg Walkability Study) Oh? I never saw one.
		You have got to be kidding.
1c		<i>Establish design standards that incorporate front porches or similar aspect that encourages people to be involved in the public realm.</i>
		Not a zoning issue. Stay focused!
		?
		What does this mean?
		I'm not sure what this means?
		(Involved in the public realm) What does this mean exactly?
		What people want is more control on what people can build as a home.
		<i>Maintain a safe community that is welcoming to people of all cultures, ages, and walks of life.</i>
		Do not force private homeowners to construct and maintain sidewalks. They are not needed or used on side streets.
		This sounds great. We live on Larchmont Dr. where our kids are bussed to school only until 2nd grade. I strongly believe a sidewalk should be on South St. - it is an unsafe road for walking right now for little kids.
		First two goals are great. I question whether design standards w/ porches are enforceable or even worthwhile.
		Agree.
		Good goals but the initial Main St. sidewalks not finished. Still standing water by Napa and bank parking lot, end of Washington St.-no lightposts, crosswalks not marked, bricks not all in place-let's finish this project first.
		This is especially important on streets where children are expected to walk to school. South St. is dangerous due to blind hill, narrowness and high traffic volume, including many school buses.
		Walkability meets safety through adequate lighting. Larchmont and Tamarack do not have street lights. This should be a design requirement. Curbs are also important.
		There are no sidewalks on streets such as Cemetery Rd., a road that a lot of traffic is on, a street where many people walk during Grassroots and the Fair. Why did you spend so much money re-doing sidewalks on streets where there was no need?
		If this means that residents should get out and spend more time visiting with neighbors, I'm all for it.

	All good ideas! Keep the Village a pedestrian place. Maintain its historic aspect by resetting the large slate sidewalks in gravel or cement. Put locals to work doing it. It's a vital character of the Village.
	Could we hold Village-wide celebrations such as the now-defunct street dances? Encourage block parties/neighborhood parties? Community carnivals? These help neighbors become friends.
	Better sidewalks throughout the Village is a great idea - my family walks everywhere!
	I hope we can repair or replace sidewalks on side streets without ripping out too many old trees whose roots are a threat to sidewalks. I like the front porch theory but I don't think they should be enforced or mandatory. There are other ways to encourage public involvement.
	Good vision statement.
	Good luck getting people to use the sidewalks in Trumansburg! But seriously -- I think this is important BUT do NOT cut down or damage trees to implement.
	I would like to see any future sidewalks and side walk repairs RESPECT - I.e. go around any existing trees. There is no reason (in my opinion) to cut down or severely prune any existing tree that might be "in the way". After all we want to encourage a "rural" friendly feel. I would also like to see more slate type sidewalks. These are more in character with our village "feel" than concrete.
	Sidewalks are the responsibility of homeowner.
	Sidewalks along South St. are needed for students and adults to walk safely!
	Sidewalks priority.
	How does any of this work to maintain a safe community? It is all about sidewalks.
	I am very concerned about the plywood squares in the sidewalk. Why aren't they completed in some manner? This is a <u>safety</u> issue as well as <u>very</u> unattractive.
	1b-1c: Check mark next to each.
	The sidewalk in the downtown areas (2007) are great!
2a	<i>Establish architectural guidelines that encourage new construction to keep in context with design standards.</i>
	Good but perhaps unlikely.
	With what design standards?
	(Establish architectural guidelines) Yes!
	Check mark.
2b	<i>Work with local officials to enforce established noise ordinance.</i>
	Like Caroline?
	Yes!
	Also, a lighting ordinance should also be in the works. All lights should be shielded and point downwards. People are more and more using lights for "security" to the detriment of their neighbors.
2c	<i>Provide good signage to show available parking within the Village.</i>
	Ok.
	Starred.
	Already there.
2d	<i>Form a non-profit, such as a land trust, to protect farmland.</i>
	Ok.
	Have no agriculture zone in Trumansburg. Should be only interested in T-burg concerns.
	Great!
	GREAT IDEA!
2e	<i>Work the the Town to provide favorable support to maintain the rural property of the area.</i>

	Cluster housing for Town and using the rest of nondeveloped land in Village seems like a good plan.
	How?
General Comments	<i>Maintain a quiet, rural village with an accessible, attractive, and historic downtown.</i>
	Somewhere in here, we need specific planning for low-income housing. We are already driving our poor people on Main Street and that is counter-productive and inhumane.
	This sounds good too. Do we have a plan for allowing any new development? I definitely support protecting farmland and also think that some well-planned new developments would help our tax base, support growth of local business and encourage families to live in our area.
	Agree.
	We need to encourage downtown enterprise/business. If one were driving thru the Village-why would you stop? What is there to do or see?
	... Not anti-grassroots but the music has been too loud late at night.
	What is being done to keep businesses downtown rather than migrating to the Town? Noise ordinance should be reasonable - people should be allowed to have parties (within reason) with a band.
	I strongly agree that we should protect our farm land and not build houses or mobile homes on it.
	Get rid of these huge and tall signs. We don't need to see them from the Thruway and they just add to visual chaos.
	Again all great ideas! To maintain a rich historical, peaceful and quiet and a rural (NOT SUBURBAN) surrounding countryside. <u>Keep it farmland.</u> Our kids are going to need it. Do not overdevelop the township.
	(attractive, historic downtown) Circled.
	Yes especially the dollar store/carwash/savealot and video/dvd store are "historically correct". Who are we kidding?
	2a-2e: All good.
	I think architectural guidelines are good as long as it doesn't lead to the faux 1900's look. Just because it was something that looked good in 1890 doesn't mean it is the only aesthetic. There are plenty of tasteful new architectural styles. We just want to avoid the "movie gallery/dollar store" look. Those buildings should be remodeled.
	Enforcement of the Village's property maintenance code should be included to increase the attractiveness of downtown. The Village does not and should not protect "farmland" within the Village limits. The available acreage needs to be planned properly for residential growth. Farmland preservation should be focused on land currently not within Village limits.
	Establish a fair but effective lighting ordinance, as well, that will make T-burg an energy efficient AND DarkSkies community by eliminating LIGHT POLLUTION. (website: InternationalDarkskies).
	Rural - I.e. - undeveloped areas are VERY important. Green space within town is also very important and right now every available parcel is being developed. Encourage people to have large open yards and parks.
	Can you tell me where there is a farm in Tburg!
	Traffic calming on 96.
	Good. Link current architecture with the Village's part, perhaps with local community historic signs.
	Green zones are important to maintain in and around the village.
3a	<i>Install new signs and landscaping at entrances to the village on Route 96 and 227.</i>
	OK.
	(tree conservation) Yay!
	Who has to maintain the sidewalk?

3b	<i>Incorporate landscape and sidewalk requirements into new construction subdivision regulations.</i>
	OK.
	They still exist? May need some new blood.
	Three stars.
	* Great!
3c	<i>Adopt tree conservation and sidewalk maintenance ordinances.</i> (sidewalk maintenance ordinances) No again.
	Starred.
3d	<i>Reconvene the Street Tree Commission to organize a tree planning and maintenance program.</i>
	OK.
	Yes.
3e	<i>Ensure that neighborhood infrastructure is consistently maintained.</i>
	OK.
	How?
	What does this mean?
General Comments	<i>Establish welcoming entrances, well-maintained walkways, and tree-lined streets throughout the village.</i>
	The starred bullet above is very important. Many of our streets have sidewalks that are unmaintained all winter long. This makes walking in the Village in winter difficult and at times dangerous.
	Street lights (Prospect St. northend) and in new development.
	3c-3e: All excellent
	Agree.
	Sidewalks to where? Tree commission great idea.
	We need to address the existence of the large, old trees with dead limbs that threaten power lines.
	Cemetery Road is in Village but no sidewalks exist! Cayuga Street sidewalks are law suit waiting to happen. Main Road into and out of T-burg is fine. Let's work on other streets. Such as where traffic exist the most- Cemetery Road and Cayuga St.
	If I were to get four people to go out and dig a big hole between the sidewalk and the street, the Village would complain and say that it had jurisdiction over that territory. Odd that they have no responsibility for the old trees which occupy that space! They are dangerous.
	I don't believe we need new subdivisions. No more big box stores like Kinney's. No more new mini malls or crap culture. Yes plant more trees. Yes street tree commission. Yes maintenance. But no more sprawl. NONE!
	Who is watering the new trees? They seem awfully thirsty, and to lose them would be costly.
	Reinstate the tree planting program by making bare root trees available for homeowners to purchase and plant. The "tree sale day" from several years ago.
	I especially like the subdivision requirements. Impose that one ASAP! What would a sidewalk maintenance ordinance entail?
	Street tree commission is a great idea and I think you would have plenty of interest if trees are more available for planting. As much as I love our big old trees many are <u>not safe</u> and need to be <u>replaced soon</u> .
	If sidewalk repair/replacement is put on homeowner allow plenty of time (1-2 years) for homeowners to implement. Also a low/no interest fund to borrow from to be able to afford.

	Okay - after the existing trees were cut on Main Street, new ones were put in and they look nice. But they were planted under electric lines so in only a few years they will probably need to be cut. How about planting larger trees away from lines and back from the road.
	Most of the old over aged maples on Cayuga St. should come down now.
	We need signage directing people from Rte 89 to the Village. If you don't know where it is, you may not find it.
	Get good advice on which trees to plant. The new ones on Main St. are dying. Find a way to encourage people to keep their big trees. The area on Washington St. between Main and McLallen get decimated.
	Yeah!
	Good.
	It is important to have a tree planting and maintenance program.
	3b, 3c and 3e: Check mark.
4a	<i>Establish design guidelines that incorporate historic elements in keeping with village character.</i>
	Good.
	This will be difficult but worthwhile.
4b	<i>Install interpretive markers that provide information about village history.</i>
	Love this!
4c	<i>Engage historic society to develop village tours.</i>
	Ok.
	Hmmm . . .
	(added) of oldest <u>homes</u> .
General Comments:	<i>Maintain and promote the historic integrity of the village.</i>
	And no bash and build and no McMansions!!
	Along with interpretive markers, include expanded information for each marker on the Village website.
	(historic integrity) Very important.
	No comment.
	Too bad we have no say in such additions as Movie Gallery. It would be nice to have all storefront more in sync (as in Freeport, Maine).
	Marker is a good idea as long as you incorporate them on walkways or sidewalks not on the street where someone can get hit by a car.
	Many years ago, when Mrs. Butterfield was the elementary art teacher, the elem. students made models out of foam core board and learned about the architecture in the Village! It was a wonderful way for kids and their parents to notice this about our Village. It was a giant amount of work - can we get this going again??
	All good. Establish mini murals of historic characters that can be installed during spring and summer. Removable cut out figures or scenes. Maintain accurate historical design in any new construction, aka library.
	Provide grants/assistance to help maintain historic buildings and homes?
	Right?
	All are good but as stated prior, I think we need to welcome good new designs without dismissing our past.
	4a-4c: Check marks next to each item.
	Please tell me what is in your mind when you say you want interpretive markers? And where would these be put and paid for.

	Self guided walking tour map of village.
	Good.
	The recent dollar store and video store do not maintain and promote the historic integrity of the village.
	4a and 4c: Check mark.
5a	<i>Establish a non-profit to work with schools to establish a shadowing program with high school students and local colleges.</i>
	As long as it's not just TC3.
	(Establish a non-profit to work) Circled.
5b	<i>Establish a non-profit to work with school officials to incorporate community service as a component of their curriculum.</i>
	Good idea!
	This is a good idea but American students should be encouraged to help the community as a matter of good citizenship and <u>not</u> because it looks good on a college application.
	(Establish a non-profit to work) Circled.
	Check mark.
5c	<i>Collaborate with schools to involve families on mutual projects to benefit the larger community.</i>
	Yes!
	This statement needs to be more specific. In T-burg you have "groups" and if you don't belong in the "group" you are left feeling out of the community. I've spoken to a large population in T-burg and this needs to be worked on.
	Government? Who?
<i>General Comments:</i>	
	<i>Provide excellent education opportunities that prepare students for jobs, higher education, and community engagement.</i>
	Who will be financing this?
	Community service a good idea for <u>all</u> students.
	Ha Ha Something new.
	Good ideas-we need to keep school system strong and Trumansburg noted for a solid, strong school. Very important to attract more people into the community.
	5b-5c: Great ideas!
	Some of these programs already exist in the County. Why spend money to duplicate services? Where would this money come from?
	All good ideas. I would add only be especially aware of at risk students with domestic or drug and alcohol problems. Have lower income kids from BOCES be shadowed too for career opportunities for them. Family mural, planting of trees, bird counts, creek clean ups, etc.
	New not-for profit? Just what Tompkins County needs. We don't have any.
	All excellent ideas. We really do need to keep the community in school and vice versa.
	Invite parent volunteers/participation in high schools with middle schools (I wanted to lead nature walks and was actively discouraged as a volunteer).
	How about encouraging students to attend TC3 during summers. Also, it seems summer classes in Tburg have dwindled lately. How are you proposing to add programs without adding taxes?
	Our schools should be teaching kids how to read, write and do math as well as a good history course as well as science. Let's leave the brain waste of social programs out of it and let them develop their own ideas.
	The building of the school playground was a great example of a family oriented community project.
	Encourage increased use of public library as a village cultural and educational resource.

	Very good - especially the community service ideas. This is also good for students' resumes.
	Schools could utilize the Ujeni Fund to accomplish some of these goals - check the website! (www.ujeni.com)
<b>Housing</b>	
<b>General Comments:</b>	
	How about some <u>higher</u> -income development-apts. Or condos-for retirees with more \$.
	(Zoning Ordinance) 1971 newer?
	(off-street parking) Oh?
	(amenities) Most have moved out of the Village. Unless a bar/carwash are amenities!
	(addition) Fire escapes on existing old buildings.
1a	<i>Revise zoning ordinance to incorporate greater variety in housing density and types, including permitting accessory apartments.</i>
	(permitting accessory apartments) What does this mean?
	Don't like this at all.
	Very unclear.
	(greater variety) Starred.
1b	<i>Incorporate an affordable housing density bonus into the village zoning ordinance.</i>
	Yes.
	No! Not all streets for every travel mode. Establish bike or pedestrian only areas. More frequent bus schedule. Non polluting buses.
	(affordable housing density bonus) What does this mean? Jargon.
1c	<i>Work with Better Housing for Tompkins County to implement a home repair program.</i>
	Starred.
1d	<i>Establish programs to encourage green-building design.</i>
	Two stars.
	If taxes were more reasonable we could afford to do this on our own.
	<i>Maintain a variety of architectural styles, housing densities, and affordable housing options.</i>
<b>General Comments:</b>	
	All ok.
	I come back to housing for poor people.
	More emphasis should be put on "green" housing. Or in 15-20 years we will be reworking today's houses to be affordable to live in.
	<u>Don't</u> wish to see apartment buildings, trailers etc. Go to Ithaca for affordable housing.
	Good.
	Rent is too high here!
	If housing increases we also need increased public park space.
	1c-1d: Starred. These two are the most important. If you improve your property, taxes are generally raised so let's look at income groups below 50,000 and target home improvements - curb side appeal!
	Give financial help or even physical help to senior citizen so that they can afford to keep up the appearance of their homes facing the street. Older people let things slip-steps get bad. Landscaping at 40-50.00 an hour is beyond them. This would not only be good for the appearance of the community but for the housing market and eventual tax base.
	There is a huge need for a greater variety of housing so our Village is made up of more age groups and financial categories. Should not be all upper middle class people living in big houses.
	All great ideas - do it! Especially more repair and green design.



	What is the committee's view of windmills? They make them less than two stories tall with a 40-50db noise level.
	Leave residential neighborhoods quiet and low impact.
	All great ideas that need to be implemented.
	1c-1d: Double checkmark next to each item.
	Green building support VERY important.
	We don't need to make more apartments or multiunit housing. This would start to erode our village feel.
	I have a problem when people talk about encouraging "DENSITY". I live in Tburg because I don't WANT to live in areas of LOTS of people. There is a mental/emotional strain from adding extra people. I've seen this happen in Ithaca. It now feels like an ever increasing human mass. *As well as more and more traffic problems. Instead of ADDING PEOPLE - try to ADD more BUSES, like a night bus.
	A bit of a contradiction here. You want to maintain the old style house and architecture but now you want green-building design. Victorians and modern don't mix well.
	Try to find a way to help people maintain historic houses rather than tear them down. Incentive? Matching program? Technical help?
	Sounds fine.
	We need to improve the appearance of many Main Street buildings.
	I question the need to "build" accessory apartments.
	1b and 1d: Check mark.
2a	<i>Utilize the Trumansburg Walkability Study to determine what areas of walkability need to be addressed.</i>
	OK.
	A sidewalk next to Napa is really in need to replacement (immediately).
2b	<i>Install streetlights along key streets.</i>
	OK.
	Already have.
	Not just Main St. Cayuga - Cemetery Rd. Lake St.
	ONLY ones that only shine <u>DOWN</u> and yellow.
	The problem with "installing streetlights" is that people put in way too many of them. LESS lights with sodium bulbs (including NYSEG ones) and with fixtures that point straight down makes it way more pleasant to walk or sit on the porch.
	Why not all streets?
	<i>Incorporate the concept of "complete streets" which integrate the needs of all modes of travel, including walking, biking, transit and automobiles.</i>
2c	
	(travel, including walking, biking, transit and autos) What is the cost. Get real.
	Great but sounds expensive.
	(biking) Get that Black Diamond Trail going so it would be possible to bike into Ithaca. Let people know about this.
	(Double checkmark next to item.)
General Comments:	<i>Establish streets and sidewalks that provide a safe connection between downtown and adjacent residential neighborhoods.</i>
	(sidewalks that provide a safe connection) No again.
	Install a sidewalk on a <u>direct</u> route from new complex in northwest part of Town to downtown.
	All great ideas.

	Agree.
	Add lights where they are needed. Great idea but low priority.
	Strongly agree about need for street lights.
	Most outlaying streets are used for biking and walking now. Fall Street, Cemetery Rd., Seneca Street, etc.
	Sidewalks first! No one would walk on Cayuga St. Sidewalks at night.
	No! Not all streets for every travel mode. Establish bike or pedestrian only areas. More frequent bus schedule. Non polluting buses.
	Would you rehab the slate sidewalks or replace with concrete? The slate has so much historic character. How would you accommodate bikes? Lanes in street to split sidewalks? How can you enforce yielding to pedestrians in sidewalks?
	Bike paths please!
	I think streetlights are a great idea. I would also like to see other traffic slowing measures in neighborhoods - 25mph limit, more 3 and 4 way stops, and some ticketing.
	Don't forget emergency vehicles need space to get to people.
	Please make this a priority! Once we surrender to traffic we will never get a peaceful village back. I worry that we will have multiple turn lanes as more business goes out by SureSave. This is not the way to go! I cannot stress enough our need to keep this village walkable. We are very fortunate to have little traffic on side streets. I am happy to finally see crosswalks painted on Main St. Now we need a simple bike line stripe painted from the school to the post office. We need to keep traffic moving but <u>slow</u> to keep it safe. I don't think a stop light will help any.
	It's not very pleasant to sit out on one's community building front porch if a street light is shining in your eyes. Sidewalk along Union St. by Napa store - how did this not get done with Project. Its like a back street in Tijuana!
	People are suppose to walk on the sidewalks. They don't even when they are there. Get bikers to follow the rules of road first.
	Continue to make the village as pedestrian friendly as possible.
	Good.
	2b-2c: Check mark.
3a	<i>Incorporate design guidelines, off-street parking, sidewalk and infrastructure requirements into site plan review, zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations for residential development.</i>
	OK.
General Comments:	<i>Promote new housing construction that is in harmony with existing neighborhoods, incorporates historically sensitive design elements, provides off-street parking and sidewalks, and allows for efficient installation of infrastructure and roads.</i>
	Already there in major sub and Site Plan Review. What more do you want. Two large areas between South St. and Penn. Ave. and Cayuga and Seneca Road. It is up to the boards to get this in plans.
	Good. See previous comment about upper-end housing.
	Good.
	Don't need State funded housing for general public. Target the elderly and retire people. They are the group that has a lot of knowledge.
	Strictly none any new development so as to keep character of Village. Establish recycled areas for all street parking. Places where buildings of area was previously used by humans ie don't pave paradise.

	How about public transportation that is affordable and timely - before you add more stress to over crowded roads - or is that too much to ask?
	New development should incorporate the above but should be paid by developer. The village has its hands full already even though I believe we all will pay the cost of new development.
	<u>and</u> green space and trees.
	Again lights need to be addressed. Neighbors should not put on/up exterior lights that in any way shine at or onto another's property. Zoning ordinances should address the #, location, positioning (ie height) of lights and require that they point straight down and that the bulb is not visible from the side.
	In other words you want to dictate what can be built and have more control of the private sector.
	Good.
4a	<i>Hire consultants to work with private property owners.</i>
	(hire consultants to work with) Who pays for this?
	Check mark.
General Comments:	<i>Create safe and accessible housing on the upper floors of downtown commercial buildings.</i>
	And subsidize rents, if necessary.
	Take advantage of govt. programs and grants for this.
	Trumansburg does not have funds to do this. Get real.
	Sounds good-maybe this could include some of the aforementioned mid-upper income housing. Funky living space, lofts are cool.
	Agree.
	Good.
	Hiring a consultant seems like a waste of money. Need to allow for adequate off-street parking.
	NO! Are you going to hire consultants for homeowners that do not have commerical buildings. We all could use this service at one time or another-planning additions/repairs.
	Good idea. A lot of upper floors are, in fact, quite interesting.
	(housing on upper floors) Cool idea!
	Excellent ideas. Why not allow an extra floor to be built? Where feasible.
	Wow - \$ - <u>not</u> from property taxes.
	We need to keep "downtown" affordable and mixed use. The younger people who live there are big supporters of restaurants/bars and keep the village vibrant. We do need to take good care to restore and maintain these old buildings.
	Yes - a pretty rough "area".
	Fire escapes on existing old buildings need to be added. But they could be closed in and/or decorative to look like the style of the existing structure. (NY Pizzeria for example has no other way out other than the door leading to the apartments).
	More cost to keep potential business out.
	Good - or how about a committee to work with owners? A committee <u>of</u> owners?
	This is a good alternative to accessory apartments.
5a	<i>Ensure there is accessibility to green space in multi-unit housing.</i>
	OK.
	Yes!
5b	All people should have access to green space. Currently, apartment dwellers have no place to sit outside.
	<i>Establish subdivision/site plan regulations.</i>
	OK.

	They exist.
	Yes!
	Why do we need subdivision in first place? Why not give a bonus to landowners who choose to keep the land <u>just as land</u> . This would encourage a continued more rural feel.
General Comments:	<i>Establish multi-unit housing that provides adequate green space and accommodates additional vehicular traffic.</i>
	And do it now.
	Oh very big YES!
	Should not have <u>too much</u> density multi-unit housing.
	Good.
	Would rather see single unit affordable housing.
	Regulate how many new apartments can be built. More apartments, more traffic and I don't see how that can be handled unless you want a five lane hwy down 96 and 89.
	No new subdivisions! Multi-unit housing with lots of trees; greenspace. Energy efficiency a priority.
	Take care of infrastructure - roads, water, sewer, etc.
	If Auble land is annexed we have a great opportunity to provide a model development with green space/gardens and walkable. We need to find a way to make a bike/walk path to the Village. We may annex this land so the Town doesn't "screw it up" so let's try our best to set the precedent by making wise decisions here. No big ugly houses with wide roads.
	5a-5b: Double checkmark next to each item.
	I see Long Island, for example. There is literally no demarcation of one town to another except for a little sign. Development has encroached on all available land. I'd like to be able to walk or drive or bike and see rolling hills and pasture.
	In other words make development too costly so it will never happen.
	Good.
	Where would multi unit housing be located with the village?
6a	<i>Establish senior housing density bonuses.</i>
	What does that mean?
	Check mark.
6b	<i>Revise zoning ordinance to allow elder cottages on existing residential lots.</i>
	Yes.
	Good idea.
	Okay. This is good for families. I'm not anxious to see apts added onto houses just for the financial gain of the homeowner.
General Comments:	<i>Establish affordable housing for seniors in close proximity to downtown amenities.</i>
	Not just for seniors but for all.
	Good ideas.
	Agree. We do need more housing for seniors.
	Good but make sure there are amenities to go to.
	Wonderful!
	Great idea. Rent based upon income and/or age (health should be a factor).
	It does little for older people if all the sources for food and drugs are outside of the Village and hard to walk to.
	Great idea.
	Honor the aged with convenience and comfort. Just like we'd like when we're that age. Yes establish elder cottages.

	There are no downtown amenities unless you consider bars and pizza stores as amenities. They have <u>moved out</u> !
	Sorry. This is all the time I had to fill this out!
	Very important.
	Where? Mid income housing was proposed for land by firehouse. It was killed.
	And try to develop a plan for keeping the amenities downtown and walkable.
	Great!
	Good.
	The downtown amenities have moved out of downtown, making it difficult for seniors to easily access - I.e. full grocery store and pharmacy.
Overall Comments:	
(housing densities) <u>Do not want.</u>	
<b>Economic Development</b>	
1a	<i>Establish a Village Small Business Incentive Program that encourages residents to open their own business.</i>
	Cost? Funding source?
	*Limited Main Street shops.
	Good.
1b	<i>Develop a "Shop Local" Campaign that includes a directory of village services and businesses.</i>
	Ok.
	Do we really need this. Walk Main St. Wasted money.
	Yes.
	Great idea but we need more businesses especially independently owned non-franchise retailers.
1c	<i>Conduct an analysis of parking needs and identify potential gaps.</i>
	Ok.
	(analysis of parking needs) With what \$\$?
	(potential gaps) They are there now!
	(parking needs) The Main Street project took away parking spaces from NY Pizzeria, the law office and the telephone company among other businesses. Why?
	<i>Create a thriving downtown with a multitude of diverse, locally owned businesses that meet the daily needs of residents from the village and surrounding areas.</i>
General Comments:	We have seen many small businesses open and fail through the years. Are we going to use tax money as an incentive to subsidize that?
	Encourage multiuse of shops and co-ops in larger old building in Village.
	Biggest problem is the plethora of kitschy stuff. The new gallery and Sweet Shoppe are great. Also remember how Black Sheep brought shoppers in from out of T-burg. QUALITY is paramount.
	Agree. Need a few more "boutique" shops so tourists want to stay and drop their money. We now have too many video stores. Zoning should be strict on what type of business is allowed in Village.
	Good.
	Fine to do with private financing but not at the expense of the tax payer.
	*No commerical business beyond Main St.
	I have my own business. Hire me! All good ideas. No more viral signs. Hire a sign painter.
	A thriving downtown needs more residents to sustain it.
	How about a way to encourage people to record local history - a directory of the current whereabouts of previous owners of houses for example. (I've written and illustrated a book about a tree on Main Street and I don't know how to tell people it's around).

	I have seen a lot of businesses tried in town only to have them close because of lack of support. Why are the Legion, doctor office, and village housed in Seneca County? Because in reality people don't want business in town.
	Very good.
	Good.
	All good ideas and hopefully residents will support these locally owned businesses.
	1a-1c: Check mark next to each.
2a	Create a database that provides up-to-date information on the available commercial and retail space in downtown buildings.
	OK.
	OK.
	** No homebase business that increase traffic-cars/bikes. ** Business owners should all work on this. No additional income should be used.
	Check mark.
2b	Review current zoning ordinance and modify, as necessary, to include clearly defined types of home-based businesses and the accompanying permissive regulations for these businesses: maintain strict limits to surrounding residential impact.
	(of home-based businesses) Could not have all. Will not work.
	No.
General Comments:	Encourage the establishment of numerous home-based micro-enterprises that provide diverse employment opportunities for village residents.
	I am seriously OPPOSED to businesses in residential neighborhoods. Viz: the conflict with Village Greenhouse and McLallen House and the neighbors.
	Agree.
	Good ideal!
	Concerned about increasing vehicular traffic on side streets.
	Signage for these businesses should not be offensive.
	Keep it local! Local Bakery!
	Leave residential neighborhoods safe and quiet. One *business per home/house. *Quiet, low impact, no extra traffic/parking, noise.
	Yay! For home business.
	How many B&B can we support? Our downtown is not that big. We need a (nat) base to see what is available. More unnecessary cost.
	Are we restricting or promoting micro enterprises?
	Good.
3a	Create a Trumansburg Historic District.
	No.
	Yes.
	Yes!
3b	Revise site plan review to incorporate layout and design of buildings.
	Yes.
	Does it exist?
3c	Revise zoning ordinance so it better reflects and perpetuates the character and style of traditional commercial buildings in the village.
	Very important.
	Yes.

General Comments:	<i>Maintain and establish commercial buildings that reflect the rural and historic character of the village.</i>
	Ok all.
	How can you create Historic District when it seems to be too spread out.
	Good but lower priority.
	Again, it would be nice to have the SaveALot Complex be more integrated in appearance. *What can be done about the old gas station site next to Falls Tavern? It's an eyesore!
	Let's work on other areas besides Main St.
	Excellent! Maintain the great commerical character of Trumansburg.
	Would be interesting to see, so far all new buildings are anything but pleasant to look at!
	Important!
	In other words you want to give a few people complete control over what is built and how it is built in Tburg.
	Strengthen ordinances that protect the beauty of the village and require owners to maintain buildings in appropriate conditions.
	Good strategies.
	3a-3b: Check mark next to each.
	T-burg is fortunate to have a great library and historical society.
4a	<i>Work with the Chamber of Commerce and/or local non-profit organization to operate business incubators.</i>
	Ok.
General Comments:	<i>Enhance cultural resources, education opportunities, historic amenities, and marketing strategies that attract businesses and their employees.</i>
	Don't be so focused on training (as opposed to educating) the latter pays off better in the long term.
	Cornell has a program to help with this.
	In appropriate locations ONLY.
	Agree.
	Great!
	All good. As mentioned. Local artists can be used for education, color schemes for housing, bridge railing designs, murals and add strategy. Reestablish Kosmos restaurants.
	Oh.
	Yes, with a caveat. I'd like to see LOCAL people -ie- already here to be in business in Tburg. When out of town people with big wallets come, it makes small towns start to be the same as every other town, and drives up real estate values to the point where locals can't afford to buy. Please! (No big box stores. No more things like dollar stores. They cheapen the downtown.)
	Talk to experts at Ithaca College School of Business about this also.
5a	<i>Work with Town of Ulysses, and potentially neighboring communities in Seneca County, to promote the Trumansburg Farmers Market with local producers and merchants.</i>
	Good idea.
5b	<i>Improve signage and advertising for the Trumansburg Farmers Market.</i>
	Good idea.
5c	<i>Develop a "Buy Local Produce" Campaign.</i>
	* Voluntary only. Most people will continue to either support local farmers or buy via grocery store
5d	<i>Establish a committee to explore the feasibility of a Trumansburg Harvest Festival.</i>
	Ok.
	More info needed.

	No.
	Less important.
	Great idea. Can incorporate local restaurants and farms.
	Great idea.
<b>General Comments:</b>	
	<i>Collaborate with the Town of Ulysses to support local agriculture and promote the Trumansburg Farmers Market.</i>
	Free Press could do more stories on local farms.
	Great. Festival of Light and Flowers work, why not Harvest?
	Agree.
	Great!
	By all means, keep the farm land!
	All great ideas. Celebrate the soil in Trumansburg. Paint a history of local farming mural (387-7532) on the site of the local farmers market.
	How can you help to promote CSAs?
	5a-5d: Yes!
	Help the Farmers' Market to keep expanding. It's a great entryway to the Village from that end of town.
	The Village working with the Town of Ulysses - interesting concept!
	You know, I'd like to have a booth at the market; there is not any phone # for information or a contact # on any poster or flyer.
	I believe that promotion of farmers' market is up to the market. As a past board member of the Ithaca market the assumed responsibility of advertising and promotion and building the market not the tax payers.
	Build a pavilion for rainy market days. Could also be used for community learning, etc.
	Good.
	Good strategies.
	5a and 5c: Check mark next to each.
<b>6a</b>	<i>Identify key tourist amenities and create a tourism brochure.</i>
	More than likely done. This is what Chamber of Commerce does. Village Board more than likely does not have resources to do this.
	Yes, like B&Bs.
	We have one - Camp House.
	Chamber did that for years when I was president.
<b>6b</b>	<i>Coordinate with the Tompkins County Convention and Visitors Bureau to assist in identifying ways that Trumansburg and its tourism attractions and services can be incorporated in related promotions.</i>
	So this is in addition to things at Village office porch? Or would it replace that?
<b>6c</b>	<i>Coordinate with Countywide efforts to produce and maintain a visitor information kiosk to be located on Main Street, or other suitable, visible location.</i>
	Ok.
<b>6d</b>	<i>Work with Cayuga Wine Trail, the Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway and the Taughannock Falls State Park in cross-promotions, with Trumansburg establishments serving as viable dining and lodging options.</i>
	* Bus service might help bring people in park to T-burg to Ithaca-Watkins Glen.
	Yes.
	How do you do this without overusing the park?



6e	<i>Develop a walking tour of buildings in Trumansburg listed on the National Register of Historic Places along with other buildings of historical significance.</i>
	Nah.
	(Double checkmark next to item.)
6f	<i>Produce a walking loop brochure.</i>
	Ok.
	Again, offline materials like this should also be online.
	Sounds good.
	Not important.
	Just what we don't need, more tourists. No web. I don't want my neighborhood on the web anymore than it is now.
	Smile face.
General Comments:	<i>Establish tourist amenities that promote and protect the historic character of Trumansburg.</i>
	For now put a "tourist info here" sign under Village sign at Village hall.
	6e-6f: WOW!
	All sound good. We love self-guided walking tours when we travel.
	Don't forget the great golf course we have.
	Money for this should come from the convention and visitors bureau.
	Creating and printing brochures can be very costly. Who is going to pay for this? One general brochure should cover everything.
	I find the tourist thing to be overworked. Most tourists would use Rt.89.
	GO FOR IT - the best!
	We could REALLY use a multi-use park that has a playground, tennis/basketball courts, a gazebo, fountain, attractive landscaping. This is both a tourist destination and a major attraction for residents. This should be OFF Main St. - too busy!
	How about a local winery "satellite" store in the Village?
	Totally agree with this statement!
	Very good ideas.
	I'd like to see a SMALL, locally owned, natural foods store on Main St. Tburg. Perhaps one the size of a storefront.
	Tompkins County and Ithaca don't give a damn about Tburg or any other community in the County. Look where the "Welcome to Tompkins County" signs are, right on the boundaries of the City of Ithaca.
	Yes, yes, yes.
	All good.
	Good strategies.
	6a, 6b, 6d and 6e: Check mark next to each.
7a	<i>Provide a central parking area that is easily accessible to the downtown and tourist attractions.</i>
	Not needed.
	Like where?
	(farmers market/village shops area!)
	?
7b	<i>Create a central website for visitors interested in lodging in Trumansburg.</i>
	Ok.

	Very good idea. We have so many different websites in town, some linking to each other, some not. This would be very helpful both for visitors, as well as town residents. Include dining, living, recreation, etc. as well. * A lot of tourists can not afford the bed and breakfast fees. It would be better to have a small inn for local events (stays closer to event) and tourist.
	Yes.
	(central website for visitors) No.
	This is important when planning a family event that needs to accommodate family members. Easy access to these particulars at one site would be helpful.
	Check mark.
7c	<i>Establish a volunteer committee to identify and promote the unique niche Trumansburg can fill in the regional tourism picture.</i>
General Comment:	Not only lodging but artists, massage therapists, healers, artists, etc.
	<i>Accommodate an increasing number of visitors while maintaining a rural peaceful atmosphere.</i>
	And establish a noise ordinance that will grab the noisiest motorcycles and those damn garbage trucks.
	Town and/or Village should purchase old telephone building behind Town offices for parking and other uses.
	Yes to all.
	Good.
	Easy does it. We'll have sprawl if too many people want to live here. Encourage <u>visit</u> -not live here.
	Interesting.
	The Chamber did this for years and still has website. What are you going to tear down for more parking.
	Fine.
	Good.
<b>Environment</b>	
1a	<i>Identify specific sites that can be set aside for presentation as green space.</i>
	Camp House (too late)
1b	<i>Establish zoning for development with green space; conservation easements; incorporate cluster zoning.</i>
	(development) ?
	(cluster zoning) underlined three times!
	(cluster zoning) What is this?
	Check mark.
<b>General Comment:</b>	
	Create and maintain open space to balance land preservation and public use.
	Ok.
	Town, Village and school should establish solar, wind and water powered systems to show folks and children how these systems work to produce energy.
	T-burg does not have that much open land, mostly in Ulysses.
	The importance of these goals CANNOT be over emphasized.
	Agree.
	Good.
	Energy conservation=less sprawl. Focus development with cluster housing. Encourage tax incentives for energy conservation. Expand Smith Woods into ShurSave! Take out a pharmacy.
	See above comment about need for park.

	Restrict use of chemical treatments on lawns - be really green!
	Need more information but "wildflower" gardens that have popped up all over the Village are an eyesore!
	Green space in Village needs to be used as parkland.
	Excellent goals.
	Who is going to donate the land for this?
	Good.
<b>2a</b>	<i>Establish a joint task force that includes Village and Town board members and residents to address water quality and unique natural assets.</i>
	Yes.
	No new pavement!
<b>2b</b>	<i>Establish 100' setbacks from streams in zoning ordinance.</i>
	Yes.
	Yes.
	Allow fishing for the T-burg youth. Good clean activity.
	Definitely.
	Bravo! (300!)
	Yes.
<b>2c</b>	<i>Establish a local wetlands protection ordinance.</i>
	High time and make it larger.
	YES.
	Yes.
	Great.
	Yes.
<b>2d</b>	<i>Establish a Critical Environmental Area with the identified Unique Natural Area.</i>
	Almost mostly in Town. We are in the Village.
	Agree.
	Yes.
	<i>Collaborate with the Town of Ulysses to protect water quality and promote conservation and appreciation of unique natural assets within the area.</i>
<b>General Comments:</b>	Collaborate with County on this also.
	I'm still waiting for a nice trail along the creek.
	Good. We need to work on water system and sewer storm drains.
	How can you do this when you can't even create a water district? The Village needs to be assessed for proper drainage of ground water.
	This entire Finger Lakes region is a unique bio-region. Hardly any exist anywhere. Keep it that way. Please! Make T-burg an example of the best that humans can offer to the natural world.
	GOOD.
	AVOID a water district #5 creation. This would only promote development and benefit a few people. It would promote environmental destruction.
	It seems to me that the Village and Town Boards are against this. Auble was asked to have his land annexed to stop WD5 by the members of the Village board.
	We should work to minimize environmental pollutants from agricultural sources.
	2a-2c: Check mark next to each. Additionally, star next to 2a.
<b>3a</b>	<i>Establish an energy use inventory for the Village.</i>
	Excellent!

	Dah.
<b>3b</b>	<i>Establish a recycling initiative.</i>
	Does this mean in stores, restaurants (on the street)? Since we have one in Village.
	What? Enhance Tompkins County? Instead of the Tompkins County? Duplicate?
	We already have this.
<b>3c</b>	<i>Contract with an agency or company to conduct an energy audit for the Village.</i>
	?
	Rocky Mt. Institute.
	Dah.
	(Double checkmark next to item.)
	What a waste of money.
<b>3d</b>	<i>Evaluate energy efficiency programs offered by NYSEERDA (New York State Energy, Research and Development Authority).</i>
	Excellent idea. Maybe work with library to have an energy series on their Thursday night seminars. Any interest in alternative energy to benefit the Village, like a wind farm?
	Dah.
<b>General Comment:</b>	<i>Promote village-wide resource conservation.</i>
	Ok.
	All ok. What is the plan for the new weed crop popping up in the new sidewalk bricks? Hope it will not include herbicides. What is the present policy for Village and Town Board herbicides and pesticides?
	Good plan!!
	Outstanding.
	Agree.
	Wonderful!
	Put the recycling center back at the Surfline.
	This is the correct direction. Carry the initiative to all residents with tax incentives.
	RECYCLING of windows, doors, construction materials, kitchen cabinets etc. REUSE existing materials for new construction/additions etc. (Tburg free-cycle is a start). LOOK to the city of Austin, Texas for ideas.
	We own the Village office and barns. What else?
	Encourage schools, library, businesses, etc. to conduct energy audits. Provide recognition for energy efficiency.
	We should make a commitment to conserve energy, not just study it.
	3a-3b: Check mark next to each.
<b>4a</b>	<i>Explore potential renewable energy sources such as wind or geothermal energy.</i>
	(wind or geothermal energy) Very good!
	Starred.
	Yes.
	(geothermal) ?
	Dah.
<b>4b</b>	<i>Educate community on energy-saving practices.</i>
	Yes.
	Yes!
	Already occurring in County - duplicate?

4c	<i>Work with Public Works Department to purchase renewable energy credits for use in Village offices and buildings.</i>
	Starred.
4d	<i>Adopt a "Green Fleet" Vehicle Policy for Village owned vehicles.</i>
	WOW.
	Only if feasible.
	Don't know what this means.
	(Green Fleet) Bravo! No more gas guzzlers! Small trucks with diesel. Get rid of SUVs for the cops!
General Comment:	<i>Pursue alternative renewable sources of energy.</i>
	OK.
	Work with Cornell for most of these matters. They are the experts after all.
	Tax incentive for use of solar? Same comments as above. Also, what about working with the State and or City of Ithaca to create additional public transportation to Ithaca. Rail type supplement, more bus routes/times/options etc.
	Good plan!!
	All pie in the sky. Sorry.
	Agree.
	Really wonderful!
	Wind energy!
	We don't need big windmills to spoil the beauty of our area.
	Good idea. Offer Village credit for homeowners who adopt this or assist in purchasing energy saving sources.
	Hooray! You got it!
	Would wind energy be afforded to homeowner, I.e. windmills on their land?
	YES!
	Green vehicles are a great idea. Ethanol powered ones are not as it artificially drives up commerical food prices as well as promotes land destruction for planting. Try HEMP or used oil or electric vehicles.
	Sounds good but who is going to build the wind generators and where will you put them. God Sonotur Kenidy won't have one near his home why should we.
	Explore feasibility of the Village becoming the provider of municipal utilities as Groton has. The town I lived in in Mass. (1950s)
	provided municipal electric and gas.
	Good.
	4a-4b: Check mark next to each.
<b>Recreation</b>	
1a	<i>Work with State Parks to acquire property and/or trail easements for the future trail connections.</i>
	Excellent ideal Is this finished? Last I knew it was moving rather slowly.
	Yes but who has the money?
1b	<i>Contract a Recreational Planning Service to facilitate trail connection opportunities.</i>
	How much does this cost?
	Why waste money? Can't some citizens help with this?
	Check mark.
General Comment:	<i>Create a trail or pedestrian way that connects the Village of Trumansburg to the Black Diamond Trail.</i>
	OK.
	Fantastic!

	Good.
	Great idea.
	All good. Bike freeways through the woods! To work. Encourage kayaking to work in Lansing. (I did!)
	Encourage T-burg restaurants to buy local whenever possible - to feature local produce and products.
	Perhaps - costs?
	Where is the Black Diamond Trail? (I haven't heard of it.) Walking trails are wonderful! Nature interpretation is great! Where are you thinking that a community center might be located? In an existing building like the Veterans' Hall?
	We already have one. It is called Town Line Rd.
	Great!
2a	<i>Pursue private funding sources for recreational facilities, including grants and local fundraisers.</i>
	That was suppose to happen with the downtown project. It still is not finished. It still needs \$200,000 more to finish it.
2b	<i>Publicize the availability of adult leagues and adult classes offered at the schools by the Trumansburg Community Education Programs.</i>
	OK.
2c	<i>Establish greenways that connect the commercial, residential and natural features of the community.</i>
	Yes.
2d	<i>Look at the possibility of a community swimming pool, including options to share pool facility with schools.</i>
	Yes!
	(community swimming pool) Again, like above community center - where would this be? Why do we need a possible pool when we have a lovely lake. AND it would take available land and make it into buildings/parking lots = decrease land and ADD to global warming. I don't think we need it.
	(swimming pool) Smile face.
General Comment:	<i>Establish indoor and outdoor recreational facilities that provide activities such as swimming, skate boarding, basketball and tennis.</i>
	OK.
	I recommend talking with the people of Skaneateles about how they funded their community center. Additionally, Perinton/Fairport has a similar center-there are surely countless others. Skaneateles has membership levels to help support it. It also provides local jobs to teens and other community members. (Comment for 2a-2d) I believe these could all be the same thing - a very nice, all purpose community center.
	Combine more school uses into community programs.
	Good.
	All good - just doesn't fit my life. How about just plain rollerblading?
	Many people express the desire to have a bowling facility again - maybe when the Movie Gallery fails . . .
	Would love to see a year round pool available to the community.
	No skateboard park-gender racist! For select few-cost to much for to little! Community swimming pool for <u>Village residents</u> .

	Trumansburg should have a swimming pool and T-burg students should have life-saving water saving classes. Too many kids are using unsupervised private ponds and swimming pools. Transportation is needed for older kids to go to the lake (the parents work). A pool is good for social life.
	Minimize pavement. Free bus pass to Ithaca to skate board park there (not here). Public access to B Ball at existing areas. No new pavement.
	I see the lack of green space as one of Trumansburg's only flaws, although we have yards for our kids, we need places for them to socialize in a positive way.
	I'll wait and see.
	Need to establish a "pocket" park plan which utilize available undeveloped lots in residential neighborhoods (pre school age children need a playground within walking distance that they can play at all year round, not just when school is in session).
	Good for all ages - especially youth.
	A pool - you have got to be kidding. Where is the 600 to 900 thousand dollars going to come from to staff and maintain or insure it.
	Pool, community center, education programs all working together would be fantastic.
	Obviously, the skate park should be addressed here.
	A swimming pool would be beneficial to many - including times for adult lap swimming for the exercise benefit.
	2a and 2c: Check mark next to each.
3a	<i>Explore various sites that are suitable for community recreational purposes.</i>
	?
	Old post office.
	Check mark.
General Comment:	<i>Establish multi-purpose community center.</i>
	Look at land close to Village soon. There is some great lake view land on Congress St. Ext. for sale near Seneca Rd. Still very close to Village, near King St. I believe. If there is water it would be an excellent site. It is in Seneca County (just barely) but very near Village.
	Same as above.
	Funding? Study to indicate whether it would actually be used enough to warrant construction?
	What about golf course? Isn't the golf course part of the Village. It pays taxes, buys water at 1 1/2 rates and offers green/space recreation. Attraction to tourists?
	See #21
	Movie theater-does not have to be a large building. Serve Village and local residents. Reduce cost to children up to age 18 and over 55 years.
	Typically "community centers" are woefully under used. They are "ideas" but are not practices. We have community recreation - we don't need new development to accommodate any more.
	With what \$? Near school, some property owners will object.
	I see as less beneficial for the amount of investment and land used.
	Center would need to look like a 19th century building in order to keep town feel. I would have also a concern about the lights in the parking lot making a "sky glow". Check out International Dark Sky website. *Skyglow is a big problem.
	It is called a State Park.
	Yes!
	Good.
Land Use	

1a	<i>Work with agricultural landowners in the Village to support agricultural operations.</i>
	Check mark.
<i>Protect farmland, wetlands and green-space that provide contiguous physical and visual connections to the surrounding rural landscape without imposing economic hardships on landowners.</i>	
General Comment:	Ok.
	Bravo!
	Do not understand.
	Oh, please-
	Agree.
	Good.
	Great idea.
	I'm all for this.
	(protect farmland) The new CSA (Sweetland Farm) north of the Village is a wonderful asset to the Village and yet few even know about it! Publicity is needed. *More advertising of our local Farmers Market!
	Great! Try and reverse the desire to turn real estate into development with tax breaks for farmed land.
	Yes.
	Promote organic agricultural and composting (composting Village wide? Collection for public use like in Toronto's Cabbagetown district! Yay!)
	Who has a farm in Tburg?
	Are there agric operations in the Village?
	Incomplete - work with owners to assure the connections are possible. Assist landowners in maintaining minimum green space.
2a	<i>Incorporate minimum and maximum set back requirements in zoning regulations for Main Street commercial districts.</i>
	What is their in there.
	Yes.
2b	<i>Create a Design Guideline Manual for the purpose of informing the Planning Board.</i>
	This is so important to protect our downtown. It would have stopped some of the mass development we have seen recently. Do we have guidelines in place to begin from or is this totally a clean slate of starting?
2c	<i>Incorporate parking regulations into zoning and/or site plan review ordinances.</i>
	?
2d	<i>Establish in the zoning ordinance a minimum height for buildings of 2 stories; maximum height of 3 stories.</i>
	(2 stories) No. Second floor needs to be cost efficient sometime. We can not afford. Must take into the need. (3 stories) Ok.
	This is Main Street only? Business area only?
	Yes.
2e	<i>Incorporate design review into the site plan review process.</i>
	Good idea.
	Just more review not needed.
	Yes.



<i>Promote new construction along Main Street with setbacks that are consistent with existing historic buildings and ample parking located preferably behind the structure.</i>	
General Comment:	
	Ok.
	Why limit the # of stories? Generally good.
	Where is the space for new construction on Main St.?
	Let's look at other use for our taxes. Recreational for young and young at heart. Let's not spend too much on appearance.
	(preferably behind the structure) Yes!
	(behind) Good.
	All good. No skyscraper (4 stories) here!
	Interesting. A little late?
	Expand downtown commerical district. Establish two levels of commerical zoning (one at Core and Second between Core and Fairgrounds. Second district should allow for conversion of housing stock into retail or service uses.
	Also need to have a width maximum as well as a height one for example homes that are huge are building not in character with Village feel. Things like the new video store and dollar store don't fit local character. * Suggestion = Establish guidelines for a "look" or period that new buildings should have, example 1870's or other of your choice. That way things look historic.
	More rules and regulations to stop development.
	I think the parking on Main St. is fine. I would not try to make people park elsewhere. "Behind the structure" would I hope be for expansion.
	We should also encourage current building owners to maintain/improve their properties to make village more attractive.
	2a, 2c and 2d: Check mark next to each. Additionally, 2d is starred.
3a	<i>Revise zoning ordinance to provide diversity in required lot size.</i>
	What does this mean?
	Revisions are risky. I would NOT like a vacant lot next to me to sprout 2 or 3 houses where one was previously allowed. Maintain established character of neighborhoods.
	No mobile home. Stick build only.
	Very unclear.
3b	<i>Educate the community on affordable housing options.</i>
	(Crossed out 'on') about. How? Why? Goal?
	Silly.
	Yes.
3c	<i>Identify areas of the Village where high-density housing could be established including additional Village streets.</i>
	Great idea.
	(Crossed out 'including') by adding.
	Yes.
General Comment:	<i>Establish residential neighborhoods of varying densities that offer a range of affordable housing options.</i>
	Ok.
	(affordable) No.
	Great!
	No new pavement!
	What you recommending updating the 1971 regs?

	Embrace the potential growth with optimism. Do not try to crush new development.
	Important but difficult to balance.
	I don't want to see and have high density housing here. Not good to promote small village feel.
	I do not see this as viable within village, but should be supported in the Town.
	3b-3c: Check mark next to each.
4a	<i>Establish maximum building sizes for commercial development.</i>
	Check mark.
4b	<i>Establish site plan guidelines that incorporate traditional village architectural elements.</i>
	(Establish site plan) Does this include building décor? I.e. If a McDonalds wants in they have to look a certain way etc.? If so, we like this idea - it has been implemented very well in Pittsford, NY.
	Interesting idea.
	(traditional village architectural elements) Underlined.
General Comment:	<i>Protect the village from development that might undermine its rural character or the vitality of locally owned businesses.</i>
	OK.
	Boy, have you guys got a lot of catching up to do!!
	Good.
	Agree.
	Great!
	Too bad this couldn't be retroactive.
	Please let long-time residents hold a larger vote -in decisions- most were born here, as were their parents!
	These big white boxes do less than nothing architecturally and will deteriorate quickly. We should tell stores from outside what we want and not the other way around. Who needs two dollar stores even if one is in a different County. Stores like these follow each other around just for the competition of it.
	No more dollar stores! How did that Dollar Store get built by Village Greenhouse??
	No more big box development. Why go to pharmacy to buy a bbq cooker? Know what I mean?? Back to the mom and pops I say!
	Thanks for listening!
	Yes!
	Most important!
	Watch lights and see #3 above.
	Zoning laws are easy to overcome.
	Is there a way to establish guidelines for the MATERIALS? Eg, no metal structures on Main St.?
	Good.
	I don't feel that this has been accomplished.
Overall Comments	
	Note: This was in mail on 8/18 to be returned 8/20 - not enough time.
	If Town and Village Boards were combined it would make things a lot simpler and less costly?
	T-burg financial assets have greatly diminished over the last few years esp. with improvements to sewer, water and <u>sidewalks</u> . And our sewer/water bills and taxes show that leadership in this vision quest shows the lack of understanding this. You are not focused on Village needs. Only on "your needs". You should get off Boards until you understand our needs.
	In the future please allow more time for completion and return of survey.

	There are many ideas in all of this. What are your priorities? Which things will money be allocated to first?? Most stores from out-of-town don't care about the local community-keep them out.
	Something should be included (in the economic development section) that the Village encourages and promotes festivals of <u>all</u> types (Grassroots and other musical venues). Perhaps the Village could sponsor a bike race or bring a "big name" to our community to support events of a variety somewhat unusual nature.
	Thank you for all your hard work.
	Letter is also included with Comprehensive Plan comments.
	Government: fire and safety, coordination Town and Village.
	Have been away most of the summer and could not mail it in by 8/20. Sorry!